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NEWS RELEASE

OPEL International Expands U.S. Sales Force with a New Director of Western Regional Sales

OPEL Prepares for US Solar Market's "Green" Growth

Shelton, CT, and Toronto, ON, May 13, 2009 – OPEL International Inc. (TSX-V: OPL) (“OPEL”), a leading global developer and supplier of high concentration photovoltaic (“HCPV”) and other solar products, including ground-based and rooftop tracker systems, today announced it has hired Larry Slominski as Director of Western Regional Sales, where he will be responsible for business development and the sales process. In this newly created role, Slominski will be based in southern California and will handle OPEL’s dealer network expansion and project sales. By having Larry cover the western U.S., OPEL can increase its responsiveness to customers and capitalize on growth of its solar business in that region.

“The expansion of our solar sales force in the U.S. reinforces OPEL’s commitment to the creation of green jobs, and it ties in nicely with President Obama’s green energy initiatives and his vision to generate new U.S. jobs,” said Robert Pico, CEO of OPEL International Inc. “More specifically, through his extensive solar photovoltaic experience, we expect Larry to play an important role in broadening OPEL’s solar power grid installation business in the U.S. market.”

Larry comes to OPEL International with over 25 years of experience in photovoltaic (“PV”) solar power project development, systems and component sales, applications engineering, marketing, and project financing. Prior to OPEL, Larry worked for United Solar Ovonic and Maxwell Technologies and has established a solar consulting firm called LTS Energy. Most recently, he was the head of sales for the western region of WorldWater & Solar Tech (Entech Solar) in San Diego, California. There he held a senior management position heading sales for the western region.

In February, 2009, Larry was a joint recipient of the Jay Hollingsworth Speas Award for his work on the 2.4MW solar project at the Fresno-Yosemite International Airport. He holds a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technical University.

“By having Larry cover the western U.S., OPEL can increase its responsiveness to customers and capitalize on growth of its solar business in that region,” said Frank Middleton, Vice President, Marketing of OPEL International Inc. “We are very pleased to have Larry come on board to deepen our already strong sales reach.”

About OPEL International

With operations headquartered in Shelton, Connecticut and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, OPEL designs, manufactures and markets high performance concentrating photovoltaic (“HCPV”) panels to transform solar energy into electricity for worldwide application. OPEL’s high performance photovoltaic concentrating panels generate up to 40 percent more kilowatt-hours

than conventional flat plate silicon solar panels, resulting in more cost-effective electricity generated from the sun. OPEL also markets a complete line of dual and single axis solar trackers to mount solar panels for optimum power output. OPEL also designs infrared sensor type products for military and industrial applications.

A leader in gallium arsenide and solar photovoltaic technology, OPEL has been awarded 31 patents and has 15 more patents pending. OPEL's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "OPL". For more information about OPEL, please visit the Company's website at www.opelinc.com.

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