



Texas Sees New Shape in Solar Technology
Austin-Based Strictly Pediatrics Installs First Cylindrical Solar Modules in Texas

AUSTIN, TX (October 20, 2009) – Strictly Pediatrics, an Austin-based pediatric medical and surgical subspecialty center, announced today the completion of a 23.4 kilowatt roof top solar electric system comprised of unique cylindrical solar modules, the first of their kind to be installed in Texas. The modules, manufactured by California-based Solyndra, are designed to generate more electricity on an annual basis from typical low-slope commercial rooftops, while providing lower installation costs than conventional flat panel photovoltaic technologies. Meridian Solar, an Austin-based company specializing in the design and installation of solar arrays completed the project.

Mark Smith, MD, Founder and current Treasurer of Strictly Pediatrics Sub-specialty Center commented “We are dedicated to providing the best care to the children in this community while minimizing our impact on the environment where we live. We have earned a Three-Star rating from the Austin Energy Green Building Program and we continue to investigate how we can decrease the waste of non-renewable resources.

The building is managed by Cushman & Wakefield and is the first in Texas to use this technology. Sharon Wilkens, the property manager of the building states, “Strictly Pediatrics and Cushman & Wakefield are committed to reducing the emission of greenhouse gases. Installing the solar modules has been a major step in our promise.” In its first year, the system is expected to produce over 32,000 kilowatt hours of clean, locally produced, renewable energy and will offset over 44,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions – the equivalent of planting about 6 acres of trees.

Andrew McCalla, CEO of Meridian Solar, the company responsible for the design and installation of the system, said, “The unique modules used in Strictly Pediatrics’ solar installation illustrates how solar technology continues to evolve to better accommodate various implementation scenarios. The ability to offer a broader range of solutions to our customers allows for more precise customization of their installations.”

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About Meridian Solar

Meridian Solar, Inc. (www.meridiansolar.com), the leading provider of solar electric energy solutions in Texas, specializes in the design and implementation of high-quality commercial, residential and government solar projects for its customers. Based in Austin, TX and founded in 1999 by Andrew McCalla, CEO and President, Meridian Solar has installed more kilowatts of solar power than any other Texas company. Meridian Solar has established a strong leadership position in Texas and represents a new breed of renewable energy service businesses creating success and green collar jobs in

the burgeoning Texas solar market. Meridian Solar has offices in Austin, Dallas-Ft. Worth and San Antonio.

About Cushman & Wakefield

Cushman & Wakefield is the world's largest privately-held commercial real estate services firm. Founded in 1917, it has 230 offices in 58 countries and 15,000 employees. The firm represents a diverse customer base ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. It offers a complete range of services within four primary disciplines: Transaction Services, including tenant and landlord representation in office, industrial and retail real estate; Capital Markets, including property sales, investment management, valuation services, investment banking, debt and equity financing; Client Solutions, including integrated real estate strategies for large corporations and property owners, and Consulting Services, including business and real estate consulting. A recognized leader in global real estate research, the firm publishes a broad array of proprietary reports available on its online Knowledge Center at www.cushmanwakefield.com.

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