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Draker Enters Japanese Market Through Announcement of Strategic Partnership With EKO Instruments

Partnership Will Offer Draker's Advanced Solar Monitoring and Asset Management Solutions Integrated with EKO's Industry Leading Environmental Sensors

BURLINGTON, VT – February 28, 2012 – Draker Laboratories, the industry's leading independent provider of [turnkey monitoring and asset management solutions](#) for commercial and utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) projects, today announced it is entering the Japanese market through a strategic partnership with EKO Instruments Co., Ltd. of Tokyo, Japan. This partnership is an important step in Draker's ability to serve customers in key solar PV markets around the globe. In 2011, the Japanese solar PV market was the 6th largest in the world, and is expected to grow larger as its solar feed-in-tariff (FIT) program is introduced in July of this year as part of the country's renewable energy strategy.

The partnership will bring together two recognized industry leaders and will offer Draker's innovative solar monitoring and control solutions integrated with EKO's technologically advanced environmental instruments. EKO will handle marketing, sales, project management and installation services for Draker's commercial and utility-scale solar monitoring, asset management and control packages. Draker will provide technical and product support to EKO and collaborate closely with the EKO team to develop integrated turnkey solutions for customers in Japan.

"We are delighted to announce our partnership with EKO and look forward to a long and prosperous business relationship with such a well-regarded company in Japan," said Charles 'Chach' Curtis, CEO of Draker Labs. "Draker is committed to helping customers around the world meet their demand for renewable energy. We are very excited to enter the Japanese market and view our partnership with EKO as a strategic move that will help accelerate our global growth."

Mr. Toshikazu Hasegawa, Representative Director and President of EKO commented, "Through our partnership with Draker we gain access to a world-class solar PV monitoring and asset management solution. We understand the Japanese marketplace very well and look forward to a successful partnership with Draker for years to come."

The two companies expect that as the Japanese FIT program takes effect in July, the country's build out of large commercial and utility-scale solar PV projects will accelerate. Proven leading edge solutions built on EKO and Draker technologies deployed in these projects will help Japan make progress towards its renewable energy goals.

About Draker

Draker Laboratories provides accurate and highly reliable solar monitoring and asset management solutions that help owners and operators of commercial and utility-scale PV systems maximize the efficiency and profitability of their solar assets. As a supplier of integrated end-to-end monitoring solutions, Draker's turnkey systems combine proven field instrumentation with an intuitive web-based information management application and unmatched customer support. For more information please visit www.drakerlabs.com



About EKO

Since 1927 EKO has employed its latest technologies to develop meteorological instruments, physical analyzers and other high quality equipment to cover a wide range of the requirements of both science and industry. Over the years, the company has accumulated a great deal of experience in various measurement technologies, permitting it to not only supply products, but also to provide a variety of high quality services from maintenance and technical support service to early design research, final design and manufacture of global measuring systems. For more information please visit www.eko-usa.com

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