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Hamburg, 31 March 2014 – DESERTEC already developed in 2012 its criteria for sustainable projects in arid regions. Based on these criteria, DESERTEC nominated four power plants that are not only future-orientated and cutting-edge, but can also be replicated in many other locations around the world. The winner will be awarded with the DESERTEC Award at the Hannover Messe on April 8th.

Climate protection, energy security and development are important elements of the DESERTEC concept. It proposes the use of vast renewable energy sources available in arid regions for the production of green electricity. To realize this vision, positive and forward-looking models are necessary.

The first solar-generating plant in the world was set up already more than 100 years ago in Egypt. The success of existing solar-thermal power plants strengthens the belief that a global energy transition is truly possible. The DESERTEC Award not only recognizes the accomplishments of best practice models, but also signals that solar-thermal power plants are an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and nuclear power as a source of energy.

Nominated for the DESERTEC Award 2014 are: Andasol, Gemasolar, Puerto Errado 2, and SHAMS 1.

The winner will be awarded with the DESERTEC Award at the Hannover Messe, hall 27, booth E18, on April 8th at 5:30 p.m. For more information on the nominees and the DESERTEC Award 2014, visit <http://www.desertec.org/en/concept/award/>

DESERTEC is categorically open for new technologies with the emphasis on arid areas. In the following years, also wind and photovoltaic projects could be awarded.

The DESERTEC Foundation is a charitable foundation dedicated to the vision of a worldwide energy transition. To accelerate the development of solar-thermal power plants with a large-scale renewable energy capacity, the Foundation coordinates the activities of a worldwide network of volunteers, universities and businesses and promotes the DESERTEC-concept through dialogue and education. DESERTEC can provide many people with access to modern-, CO<sub>2</sub>-free-, and sustainable energy supply day and night.

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