Renewable Energy Development Trends in China

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Top 5 Countries for Wind Power Capacity



China's Role in Global Wind Power Additions



Projected Wind Power Growth



Source: Suzlon / Azure / CWEA / EER / New Energy Finance / BTM / GWEC

Wind Technology Leaders and Followers



Wind Turbine Sales by Manufacturer in China



Companies in the Chinese Wind Market



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Growth in Photovoltaic Power Deployment



Source: Projections from New Energy Finance

Growth in Photovoltaic Manufacturing

- China is #1 in cell/module manufacturing: 1 GW of cell production in 2007; 2 GW in 2008, 1.96 GW exported; ramping to 5 GW by 2010
- Significant source of silicon: 20% of worldwide production likely in '09
- Sharp (JP) 473.0 MW Other 6% 3522.9 MW 49% Motech (TW) 384.0 MW 5% Kyocera (JP) 290.0 MW 4% **Baoding Yingli** (CH) Sanyo (JP) 281.5MW 210.0 MW 10% SunPower (US) JA Solar (CH) 236.9 MW 277.0 MW 3% 4%

Q-Cells (DE)

570.4MW

8%

First Solar

(US)

504.0 MW

7%

Suntech (CH) 497.5 MW 7%

- Struggle to survive: ASPs of C-Si from Chinese companies plummets from \$4/W to \$2/W in 9 months; ~50% of aspiring PV companies exit
- International manufacturers: Some likely to migrate to Chinese production to lower cost, access local market

Policy Framework for Renewables

• National RE Law: January 1, 2006

- National RE targets
- National pricing regs
- Tax incentives / CDM
- National cost sharing
- RE + trans. planning

More-aggressive solar/wind targets for 2020 on the way?

- Wind: 100-150 GW
- PV: 20 GW

Bio. to be reduced?

National Targets	2005 (Actual)	2010 (Target)	2020 (Target)
Proportion of RE in national energy mix (%)	8%	10%	15%
Hydropower (GW)	120	190	300
Wind power (GW)	1.3	10	30
Biomass power (GW)	2	5.5	30
Photovoltaic power (GW)	0.07	0.3	1.8
Non-hydro RE capacity to be owned by large (> 5 GW) generators (%)	n/a	3%	8%
Grid-company non-hydro RE purchase requirement (%)	na	1%	3%

Renewable Energy Policies: Recent Developments

Wind Power

- August 2009: feed-in tariff offers clarity; differentiated by 4 zones, 0.51 0.61 RMB/kWh (\$75-89/MWh); eliminates developer bidding
- Six 10+ GW wind bases to be developed by 2020, coordinated grid; turbine bidding has begun, favoring domestic manufacturers

Solar Power

- March 2009: Rooftop PV, max 20 RMB/kW incentives, >50kW
- June 2009: 10 MW Dunhuang bidding, 1.09 RMB/kWh
- July 2009: Golden Sun Program, 50-70% subsidy for projects >300kW, 500
 MW target by 2011
- Major provincial/city plans for solar (e.g., Jiangsu target & feed-in)
- >5 GW PV announced; 2 GW CSP announcement
- Possible national PV feed-in tariff s in the future

2009 Renewable Energy Law Amendments

- Larger role for higher-level government bodies in implementing national and local RE goals
- Greater specificity in renewable energy planning and government responsibilities, and in need for transmission planning
- Minimum RE procurement requirement likely, and and greater clarity on grid interconnection requirements
- Greater clarity on sources and use of renewable energy development fund

Remaining Policy and Market Needs

- More-aggressive RE sector and technology targets
- Policy focused on power production, not installation
 - Capacity factor of wind in China (avg. 23%) < US (avg. 34%)
- Transparent, standardized pricing for large-scale PV
 - Will foster competition among domestic and foreign firms
- •Trans. infrastructure to move wind/solar to market
- End of 2008: ~3 GW installed but not connected
- More-firmly establish purchase obligation on grid companies
- Large-scale, proactive transmission planning needed

Remaining Policy and Market Needs

Power markets that can mange increased variability

- Wind/solar output forecasting
- Strong grid codes
- Standardized interconnection rules
- Flexible fossil generating units

Support local industry, but open mkt to intern'l firms

- Virtually all developers are local; manufacturers increasingly so; likely to continue with dominance of large gov't projects
- Sig. gap in avg. capacity factors of wind projects relying on foreign/domestic turbines; domestic mostly not IEC certified
- Growing risk of trade retaliation and/or WTO challenges

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