

News Release

NEW SOLAR PV HANDBOOK LAUNCHED

Singapore, 17 November 2009 – The Energy Market Authority (EMA) and the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) today released a new “Handbook for Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems”, to facilitate the installation of solar PV systems in Singapore.

The new handbook serves as a comprehensive and reader-friendly guide to owners, developers, engineers, architects, and electricians on the key issues, requirements and processes involved in the installation of solar PV systems. It integrates and replaces the existing manuals on solar PV systems issued separately by EMA and BCA, i.e. the "Handbook for Photovoltaic (PV) Systems" by EMA and the "GREEN Handbook – Photovoltaic (PV) Systems in Buildings" by BCA. .

The handbook also covers the licensing and technical requirements, the operational and maintenance needs, as well as the building and structural issues related to the implementation of solar PV systems. Examples of solar PV projects in Singapore are highlighted, as well as information on the existing government schemes to test-bed solar PV systems in Singapore.

The handbook was launched by Mr David Tan, Deputy Chief Executive of EMA today at the Quality and Standards 2009 conference organized by SPRING Singapore as part of the Singapore International Energy Week.

The handbook is available on EMA’s and BCA’s websites (www.ema.gov.sg or www.bca.gov.sg).

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About the Singapore International Energy Week

The annual Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) is a leading energy conference that provides a platform for policymakers, business leaders and academics to exchange ideas, strategies and best practices that will help shape global and industry energy agendas. Jointly organized by the Energy Market Authority (EMA) and the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) from 16 to 20 November 2009, SIEW features a comprehensive schedule of clean energy-focused conferences, exhibitions and networking sessions from a diverse cross-section of energy industry leaders. More information about SIEW is available at <http://singapore.iew.com.sg/>.

About the Energy Market Authority

The Energy Market Authority (EMA) is a statutory board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry. The EMA's main goals are to promote effective competition in the energy market, ensure a reliable and secure energy supply, and develop a dynamic energy sector in Singapore. Through its work, the EMA seeks to forge a progressive energy landscape for sustained growth.

About the Building and Construction Authority

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore champions the development of an excellent built environment for Singapore. BCA's mission is to shape a safe, high quality, sustainable and friendly built environment, and through its significant influence in these four key elements, BCA aims to differentiate Singapore's built environment from those of other cities and contribute to a better quality of life for everyone in Singapore. Together with its education and research hub, the BCA Academy of the Built Environment, BCA works closely with its industry partners to develop skills and expertise that will help it achieve its vision to have "the best built environment for Singapore, our distinctive global city". For more information about BCA, visit www.bca.gov.sg.