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Differing trends in thin-film and crystalline solar segments

The Komax Group is announcing 15 redundancies at its Rotkreuz plant as a result of the unsatisfactory order situation in its Solar business unit's thin-film segment. By contrast, the crystalline segment's order situation has improved in recent months.

The Komax Group is responding to the unsatisfactory order situation in its Solar business unit's thin-film segment by modifying the structures at its Rotkreuz plant. There will be around 15 redundancies and short-time working will be stepped up. Customers remain reticent about investing in thin-film systems.

In contrast to the thin-film segment, the crystalline business, which accounts for some 80 percent of Komax Solar's sales, has performed well. Above all the company is benefitting from major orders from Asia.

Background information on the Komax Group

As a machinery producer, Komax is global leader with a market share of around 40 percent in crimp-to-crimp machines for the wire-processing market. In addition to this, the Komax portfolio of products and services ranges from wire cutting and stripping machines all the way to systems for the fully automated manufacture of complete wire harnesses.

In the photovoltaics field, Komax is a worldwide supplier of machines for the production of crystalline and thin-film modules. Its aim is to expand its global leadership in stringing to the other areas of its product portfolio.

In the medical technology sector, Komax produces, for example, machine systems for the manufacture of inhalers and insulin delivery or injection systems. In this field, too, Komax is among the world's leading suppliers.

The Komax Group operates production facilities in Switzerland, France, the United States, Malaysia and China. Finally, Komax offers professional service back-up in over 50 countries.

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