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### **Topsil receives an important contract for photovoltaics**

SunPower Corporation has just signed a contract with Topsil for the supply of float zone silicon ingots and technology. The contract value corresponds with 25% of the past year's turnover, or about USD 4.4 million, with full delivery scheduled in the coming 12 months. This contract confirms Topsil's leading position as a premium provider of float zone silicon and technology for the crystalline solar cell market. Float zone silicon enables solar cell manufacturers to achieve higher cell efficiencies and to make cells with a short life cycle cost relative to any other silicon materials. Float zone silicon addresses the growing interest from the photovoltaic community for high-performance solar cells.

SunPower ([www.sunpowercorp.com](http://www.sunpowercorp.com)) designs and manufactures high-performance silicon solar cells based on a patented rear-contact design. The company is majority owned by Cypress Semiconductors which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Cypress ([www.cypress.com](http://www.cypress.com)) designs and markets a broad line of high-performance digital and mixed-signal integrated circuits for a range of markets including data and telecommunications, computing, consumer and instrumentation systems.

At this moment SunPower is building a new manufacturing unit for solar cells with an annual capacity of 25 MW. The start-up of the plant is foreseen for 2004.

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Topsil ([www.topsil.com](http://www.topsil.com)), having its headquarters in Frederikssund, Denmark, is a world leading supplier of float zone silicon for a number of applications. The company has developed a state-of-the-art float zone process which enables a major breakthrough of the use of float zone silicon in the solar energy industry. This order validates Topsil's technology and will help the company to diversify its revenue base in a rapidly expanding market driven by the general evolution in society towards clean energy. Topsil's products are currently being tested by some other solar cell manufacturers.

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