## REC GROUP SOLAR MARKET INSIGHT Q2 2017



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### Major REC Q2 2017 Highlights



- REC Group has launched a new flagship product with unmatched performance the REC TwinPeak
  2S 72 Series the highest power 72-cell multicrystalline solar panel in the world
  - Up to 350 Wp nominal power output
  - Weighing just 22 kg, one of the lightest 72-cell panels on the market
- CERTISOLIS certifies the low carbon footprint of REC solar panels for tenders in France
  - Providing access to one of the most promising European PV markets
- Best Q2 volume quarter ever for REC in the APAC region, leading to a record 1<sup>st</sup> half as Q1 2017 already set an new record as best quarter ever
  - Record 1H sales in both India and Australia
- REC Group enjoys tremendous growth in the flourishing Indian PV market
  - The remarkable growth is based on the successful distribution network, a strong presence in the burgeoning rooftop market and successfully supplying into the utility scale market
- REC Group and new Singapore Sustainability Academy join forces to combat climate change
  - REC's donated solar PV installation is expected to supply all required energy for the building, enabling the zero-energy building concept and offer 20 years of expertise in the solar industry to be shared in trainings and workshops
- REC **invests in** cutting-edge and cost effective manufacturing technology to continue to provide highestquality solar panels by placing an order for latest generation of **diamond wire cutting technology**

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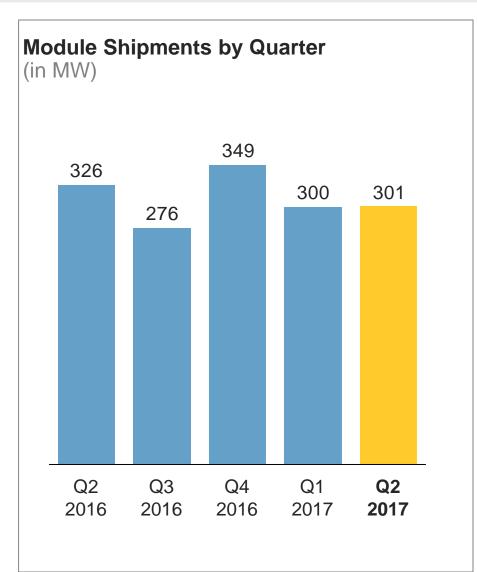


## Global Performance – Q2 2017



## Year-over-year REC grew its customer base by 57% and the number of deals by 140%

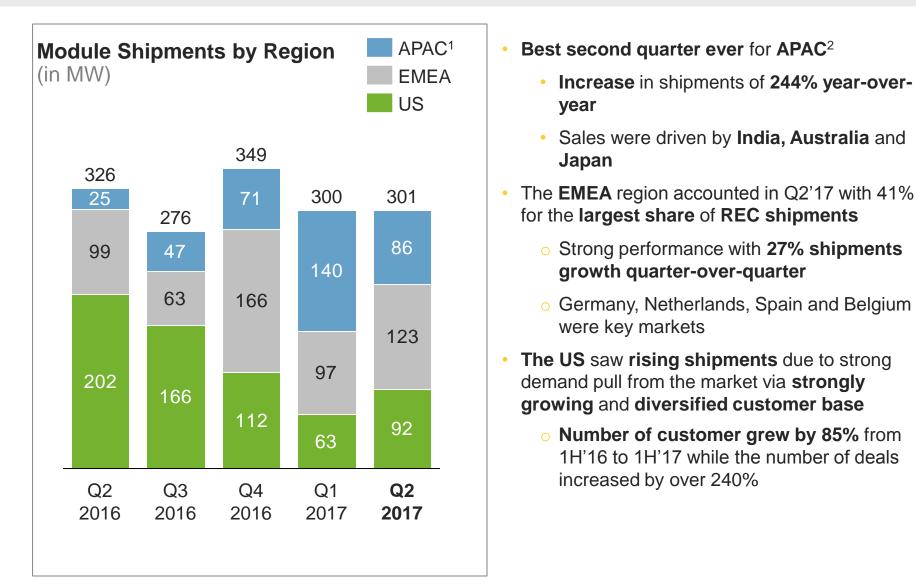




- Q2 2017 module shipments totaled 301
  MW, ending the 1H 2017 with total shipments of 601 MW
- Y-o-Y shipments declined by ~8% due to ongoing manufacturing line upgrades as well as new product introductions
  - In the first half of 2017 REC launched three new flagship products – including the world's most powerful 60 and 70 cell Multi modules and the allblack TP2 Blk
  - Upgrading REC lines to 100% PERC and TwinPeak
- REC increased the number of deals in 1H'17 by 140% compared to 1H'16 and we expanded our customer base y-o-y by ~57%

The APAC region saw new record Q2 sales while EMEA accounted for the largest share of quarterly shipments







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258 MW Tranquility Project, California

## REC Highlights – Q2 2017



## REC launches TwinPeak 2S 72 Series, the highest power 72-cell multicrystalline solar panel in the world



- In April, 2017 REC launched the latest addition to its award-winning Twin Peak technology platform – the REC TwinPeak 2S 72 Series
- Rated up to 350 Wp, the REC TwinPeak 2S 72 panel sets a new world record in power output for 72-cell multicrystalline panels at competitive cost - competing with monocrystalline (mono) and mono-PERC products
- Next to its unmatched power output performance, the panel is also one of the lightest 72-cell modules on the market weighing just 22 kg - enabling easier handling and quicker installation times
- With the TwinPeak 2S 72 Series, REC demonstrated once more global leadership in multicrystalline technology and a strong focus on addressing the needs of customers in the C&I and utility-scale segments

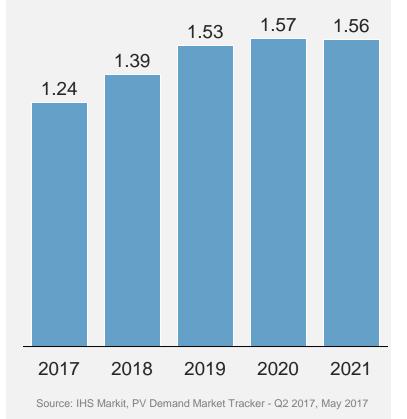


# CERTISOLIS certifies the low carbon footprint of REC solar panels for tenders in France



- REC TwinPeak 2 product obtained CERTISOLIS certification in May 2017
- The certification qualifies REC's high performance products to participate in French tenders (CRE3 and CRE4 periods 1 & 2)
- The low carbon footprint of REC panels combined with high product quality and competitive pricing and renowned REC reliability on its multicrystalline cell platform makes REC now a preferred product for CRE 3 and 4 tenders in France
- We have already signed **several deals for supplying our panels** into tender projects in Q3 and Q4 2017
- REC takes advantage of its extremely environmentally friendly silicon production in Norway with almost zero emissions - a fact now validated by ADEME and confirmed by CERTISOLIS certification
- CERTISOLIS certificate is an important milestone for REC to further boost our presence in France, a market we expect to grow significantly. Overall, REC expects France will need to install around 1.5 GW per year to hit their new renewable energy targets

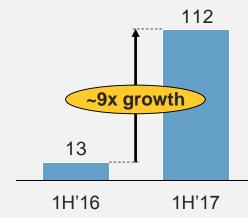




REC is now the largest European manufacturer in India – the world's most buzzing solar market (1/2)







REC's stellar growth is based on:

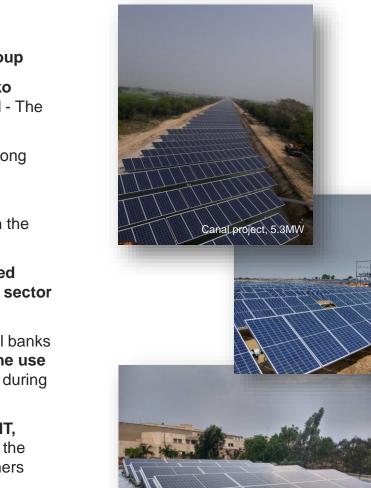
- Broad national distribution network
  enabling access to fastest growing small &
  medium rooftops segment
- High quality, reliability, leading performance and proven track record – recognized in the burgeoning rooftop market
- Successful entry in the large utility scale market proving the financial viability and providing optimum ROIs for large scale developers

- In a highly competitive and challenging market environment like India, REC has emerged as the largest European manufacturer
- Customer retention has been a whopping 85% showcasing REC's incomparable service towards customer commitment - From Design to Commissioning
- With cumulative installations over 200 MW by the end of 1H 2017, this is especially remarkable considering we have been conceived as a niche player till now
- India's PV market has witnessed tremendous growth owing to strong government support and increased customer acceptance
  - The rooftop market offers immense potential with a current install base of 1GW and 40 GW of steep target till 2022
  - Further, with ~300 million Indians still out of grid and the lowest per capita consumption of electricity across the developing nations, India truly is unique in its attractiveness quotient

# REC growing from strength to strength in India by supplying panels to several flagship project's (2/2)

REC serves several flagship projects in the Indian market

- REC has supplied 40 MW of modules to Greenko Group
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    Group in Q1 2017 for the Ultra Mega Park- Kurnool The World's Largest Power Plant currently.
  - Greenko is one of India's largest IPPs backed by strong shareholder base and currently has over 2.5 GW of operating capacity.
- REC supplied **5.3 MW of modules for a canal project** in the state of Punjab, commissioned in Q1 2017
  - Unique features of this projects include a suspended structure and it's the first canal project with private sector investment in India
  - The solar PV modules will cover the canal and canal banks to produce eco-friendly power while minimizing the use of valuable land and shrinking of water supplies during scorching Indian summer
- Apart from these REC has supplied to leading brands in IT, Textile, Real State, Colleges, Non-Profits in all parts of the country, firmly establishing itself as first choice for customers



Army Institute of Fashion and Design, 10kW

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## REC Group and new Singapore Sustainability Academy join forces to combat climate change



- The combat against climate change and the push towards sustainability in housing is at the heart of REC mission
- As example, REC is partnering with Singapore's City Developments Limited and the Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore to launch the Singapore Sustainability Academy (SSA)
- The Academy aims to promote a low-carbon economy, resource efficiency, and sustainable practices among businesses, academics and the community
- For REC, sustainable architecture of buildings is an important global issue and zero-energy houses are a key driver for the reduction of greenhouse gases and solar PV technology plays a crucial part
- REC contributes to the SSA project via
  - **Trainings and workshops** to share knowledge in renewable energy
  - Donation of a rooftop solar PV system for the SSA building – generating over 60,000 kWh of clean energy each year, mitigating 33t of CO2 emissions annually supplying all required energy - enabling the zero-energy building concept



REC invests in cutting-edge and cost effective manufacturing technology to continue to provide highest-quality solar panels

- As an industry leader for high-power multicrystalline solar panels for many years, REC continuously invests in cutting-edge and cost effective manufacturing technology
- REC has placed an order for latest generation diamond wire cutting platform for multi-crystalline silicon block slicing
- Delivery of the equipment will start in Q3 2017, shifting REC's entire multi-silicon wafer slicing to diamond wire cutting technology
- The upgrade to diamond wire cutting technology enables REC to continue to provide high-quality solar panels with a strong reliability at a competitive price



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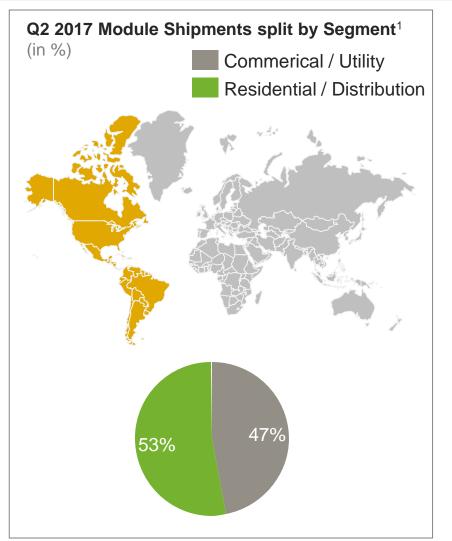


## Regional Performance Q1 2017



### Americas – REC performance and regional highlights





#### **REC Performance Highlights**

- In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017, REC is the joint #1 most popular panel brand for residential installations in the entire U.S.<sup>2</sup>
- REC holds rankings among the top 5 suppliers in each of the largest 5 residential solar PV markets in the US<sup>3</sup>
- Q2'17 saw also the 1<sup>st</sup> installation of REC TwinPeak 2 BLK 2 all black solar panels, which feature an innovative design with high panel efficiency and power output, enabling customers to get the most out of the space used for the installation
- Number of customer grew by 85% from 1H'16 to 1H'17
- Strong order backlog (200MW+) moving into the second half of 2017 and booking orders into 2018

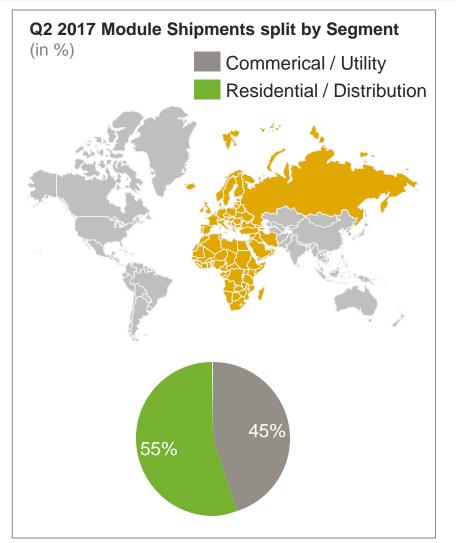
#### **U.S. Market Development Highlights**

- Strong U.S. market demand prior to Suniva's Section 201 trade case ruling in 2017, which leaves the future of the US solar industry uncertain, esp. in the utility and large commercial segment going into 2018
- Some more States find arrangements on rooftop residential net metering

<sup>1</sup> REC market segment module shipment volume splits are best estimates; 2 Based on Q1 2017 data by GTM, published June 2017; 3 Top 5 residential markets which are tracked by GTM for supplier ranking

## EMEA – REC performance and regional highlights





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#### **REC Performance Highlights**

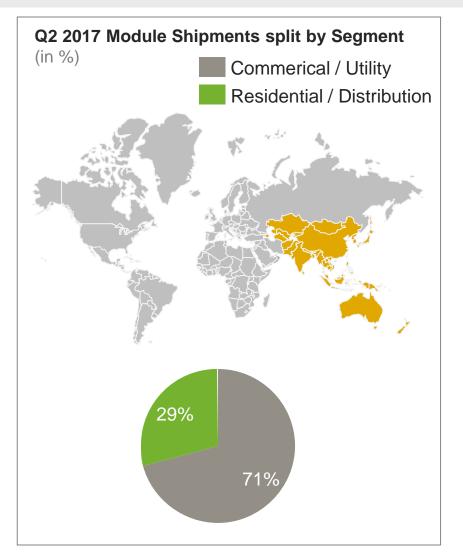
- Germany has been the top market for REC in Q2 as well as in the 1st half of 2017
- REC also shows a strong sale performance in the Netherlands, Spain and Belgium
- We are continuously growing our customer base across Europe - with the 31% growth in the number of customers between 1H'16 and 1H'17 as REC benefits from highly regarded brand and quality reputation
- REC enjoys a healthy split between the residential and distribution segment and commercial & utility customers

#### **EMEA** Region Development Highlights

- Europe moves on from feed-in tariffs to tenders (i.e. Germany, France, Poland, Spain - creating significant utility-scale pipelines) and self-consumption (i.e. Netherlands to extend net metering beyond 2020 to 2023)
- **PV & storage solutions** increasingly grab the attention of policy makers (i.e. Austria approved a new support scheme for PV + storage; **Italy** simplified rules for PV storage to further support development of storage and distributed generation across the country)

## APAC – REC performance and regional highlights





#### **REC Performance Highlights**

- Best second quarter ever for REC in APAC<sup>2</sup>
  - After its all-time record quarter in Q1'17<sup>2</sup> saw another record performance with Q2'17 shipments of 86 MW (+244% q-o-q)
  - India and Australia are key markets with sales at record levels in 1H 2017
  - Growing distributor network in several countries
  - REC's number of customers in 1H'17 nearly double compared to 1H'16
  - Positive demand outlook across segments for the remainder of the year
  - In **Japan**, REC is enjoying
    - Robust demand from via distribution partners in the Commercial & Industrial segment as well as
    - Firm orders for utility scale projects
    - REC grew its **number of deals by 71%** in 1H'17 compared to the same period last year

#### **APAC Region Development Highlights**

 India has officially started an investigation into the import of solar cells and modules from China, Taiwan and Malaysia; Further, India's GST to came into effect on 1-July-2017

Taiwan's high efficiency certification opens for solar surge

1 REC market segment module shipment volume splits are best estimates; 2 referring to only APAC shipments (i.e. excluding Japan)

Source: REC; IHS Markit, Bloomberg



## Outlook



### Outlook towards Q2 2017 and full-year 2017



#### REC Q3 outlook

- Expected sequential volume growth of approximately 8-10%
- o Growth in shipments across all regions
- Launch of first mono offering by REC the new REC Peak Energy 2S Mono 50 BLK panel is specifically designed for the Japanese residential market
- Strong firm order outlook for Q3 2017

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- Moving into 2H with our best-ever sales pipeline of firm orders as well as order bookings into 2018
- Strengthening reputation in the marketplace as the most reliable company with the most reliable products – "Solar's Most Trusted"
- REC will embark on significant investment projects ensuring technology leadership and a competitive cost position
- We expect continuous strong demand from the APAC region (i.e. India and Australia) as well as the US and Europe (i.e. France, Turkey)
- Balanced approach to serve all segments rooftop & ground-mounted thanks to REC's broad product portfolio, quality, reliability and competitive cost

#### Thank you!

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