



SMA Solar Technology AG – Press Release

### **SMA Is One of the First Inverter Manufacturers to Receive the SunSpec Certification**

**Niestetal/Rocklin, April 14, 2015 – SMA Solar Technology AG (SMA) is one of the first inverter manufacturers to receive a SunSpec certification from the American SunSpec Alliance for its control interface. SunSpec Alliance is an association of manufacturers from the energy sector. The mission of this commercial alliance is to standardize the “plug and play” communication of PV systems.**

With this certification, SMA sends a clear signal: PV system operators not only benefit from compatible products for system monitoring but can also use an open interface for system control. This interface allows users to determine power set points, activate an emergency shutdown and regulate reactive power.

As a member of SunSpec Alliance, SMA supports standardizing and improving the quality of data and the channels of communication for photovoltaic systems, regardless of the manufacturer. With this certification, the SunSpec Alliance has affirmed SMA's compliance with standards for the supported SunSpec information models 1, 11, 12, 103, 120, 121, 122, 127 and 160. With this certification, SMA, in close cooperation with SunSpec, has assisted in optimizing SunSpec test tools and is therefore one of the first inverter manufacturers to receive certification for the inverter control interface.

“I am happy to congratulate SMA for being among the first inverter manufacturers to certify its control interface and for helping drive the California Rule 21 process,” said SunSpec Alliance Chairman Thomas Tansy.

### **About SMA**

The SMA Group with sales of more than €800 million in 2014 is the global market leader for solar inverters, a key component of all PV plants and offers innovative key technologies for future power supply structures. It is headquartered in Niestetal, near Kassel, Germany, and is represented in 21 countries. The Group employs more than 5,000 people worldwide. SMA's broad product portfolio includes a compatible inverter for every type of module on the market and for all PV system sizes. The repeatedly awarded product range includes system technologies for grid-connected photovoltaic systems as well as off-grid and hybrid systems. The technology is protected by more than 550 patents. The range of services is supplemented by comprehensive services and operational management of large-scale



PV power plants. Since 2008, the Group's parent company, SMA Solar Technology AG, has been listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (S92) and also in the TecDAX index.

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