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European solar manufacturers highlight flimsy claims of China-backed PR organization AFASE

EU ProSun, the sustainable solar energy initiative for Europe, rejects criticism by the lobby front group AFASE over data submitted to the EU Commission during its anti-dumping investigation.

Milan Nitzschke, President of EU ProSun said: "AFASE ´s criticisms are absurd. EU ProSun compiled global and European industry data from the best available sources including Goldman Sachs, Bloomberg New Energy, IHS iSuppli, EuPD, EPIA, international journals and the research service Europressedienst. The aim was to obtain a broad spectrum of solar industry data from reputable sources, which incidentally are all known to AFASE.

Moreover, the Commission has collected its own data from many sources during a nine-month investigation, far beyond the information provided by the European complainants in the summer of 2012. As usual AFASE tries to discredit the Commission´s independent investigation based on established principles of international trade law and spread confusion with false allegations. This is a familiar pattern of behavior by AFASE which tries to distract attention through flimsy and tasteless PR tactics, away from the substantive proof of dumping established by the Commission. The lobby group AFASE was founded by the largest Chinese manufacturers of solar modules and their main importers, and their activities are coordinated by two PR agencies. Mysteriously, any reference to Chinese companies like Yingli, Trina and CSI as supporters have disappeared from the website of AFASE in recent weeks, but can be easily verified through internet searches."

EU ProSun is an initiative of European solar manufacturers who have initiated EU trade complaints against destructive dumping and illegal export subsidies from China. The initiative represents around 40 industrial EU companies.

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