

## **Nines Photovoltaics of Dublin, Ireland appoints sales agent in North America**

- Nines Photovoltaics launch their world-wide sales strategy for their atmospheric pressure dry etch tool
- North American Nanotech, Inc. appointed sales agent for Nines Photovoltaics

Dublin based solar cell equipment manufacturer, Nines Photovoltaics (Nines), <http://nines-pv.com> have just launched their worldwide sales strategy, engaging North American Nanotech, Inc. as exclusive sales agent in the North American market. The R&D tool (9s DE 100) is the first model to be available to the market.

The Nines technology is focused on dramatically changing the processes used to manufacture Solar Cells, reducing the production cost whilst also increasing cell efficiencies. Cost & efficiency are of the utmost importance to all solar cell manufacturers as they seek a competitive advantage within the PV Industry.

Nines currently have two R&D tools in the field, one of which is in the pilot production line in Fraunhofer ISE, Freiburg, Germany. Given the level of interest in these tools Nines have engaged sales agents in Central Europe and the USA.

Edward Duffy, CEO Nines says “Daniel Montag, President of North American Nanotech, Inc. management brings a wealth of process equipment sales & sales management experience which will fast-track the introduction of our disruptive dry etch technology further into the North American photovoltaic R&D and manufacturing markets; we look forward to a productive relationship”

### **Nines Unique Approach**

The Nines tool is used to etch away layers of silicon from a crystalline silicon wafer to facilitate the creation of a solar cell (in conjunction with other process steps). This etching is currently done using a wet based chemical process. Nines has pioneered the use of a novel high throughput atmospheric pressure dry etching technology and is the first company to offer a solution which uses a fully dry process using only Zero Global Warming Potential chemicals.

### **About Nines Photovoltaics**

The company has been working with the Fraunhofer Group in Germany since 2010 to develop this new atmospheric pressure dry etch technology.

Nines Photovoltaics does not manufacture electricity generating solar cells but rather production machines & processes. Technology development to date has been partially funded via Enterprise Ireland (Irish state Enterprise Board) and under European FP7 funding (project name SOLNOWAT).

Based in the Synergy Centre on the Tallaght IT Campus in Ireland, the company is headed up by Edward Duffy CEO, Laurent Clochard CTO and Simon Forsyth CFO.



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