

World's top EPC contractors for utility-scale solar India leads the charge

Indian companies continue to rise up the table of the world's top EPC contractors, according to figures published today by Wiki-Solar. The top 40 contractors by cumulative installed volume are:

Rank	EPC contractor	Cumulative to date		Change since end 2018		
		Plants	GWac	Plants	GWac	Rank
1	First Solar [US]	58	4.311	3	0.365	12
2	Swinerton Renewable Energy [US]	117	4.113	7	0.786	2
3	Sterling & Wilson [IN] (part of SP Group)	60	2.655	5	1.266	1
4	ACME Solar [IN]	49	2.079	7	0.355	13
5	Belectric [DE] (now part of Innogy)	140	2.033	13	0.465	6
6	juwi AG [DE]	128	1.913	10	0.366	11
7	Enerparc [DE]	231	1.891	39	0.311	18
8	Mahindra [IN]	39	1.873	2	0.400	8
9	Abengoa Solar [ES]	30	1.679			
10	Mortenson Construction [US]	18	1.600	2	0.343	16
11	Larsen & Toubro [IN]	45	1.453	3	0.304	19
12	SunEdison [US] (in insolvency)	52	1.352	0	0.000	
13	ACS Group [ES]	24	1.337	3	0.351	14
14	Biosar Energy	47	1.315	7	0.387	10
15	TSK Group [ES]	16	1.130	4	0.523	4
16	Acciona Energia [ES]	21	1.128	5	0.350	15
17	Scatec Solar [NO]	24	1.058	6	0.622	3
18	Eiffage [FR]	11	1.054	2	0.489	5
19	McCarthy Building [US]	39	1.009	3	0.223	22
20	Canadian Solar [CA]	29	0.992	4	0.230	21
21	BayWa r.e. [DE]	62	0.900	12	0.324	17
22	Datong Guotou [CN]	1	0.820	0	0.410	7
23	Elecnor [ES]	31	0.805			
24	Bechtel [US]	3	0.753	0	0.000	
25	RCR Tomlinson [AU] (in insolvency)	8	0.733	3	0.391	9
26	RES Group (Renewable Energy Systems) [GB]	17	0.718	3	0.280	20
27	SunPower Corporation [US]	36	0.712			
28	IB Vogt Solar [DE]	56	0.676	3	0.150	25
29	Egnatia Energy [GR]	67	0.657	6	0.142	26
30	Sener [ES]	8	0.584	1	0.050	
31	Gransolar [ES]	11	0.555	1	0.200	24
32	Hanwha Q.Cells [KR] (part of Hanwha)	31	0.549	0	0.000	
33	Signal Energy [US]	6	0.534	1	0.067	
34	DEPCOM Power [US]	25	0.531	7	0.114	28
35	Conergy [DE] (now part of Kawa Capital)	37	0.512	1	0.099	
36	TBEA SunOasis [CN] (part of TBEA)	10	0.511	2	0.075	
37	Tata Power [IN]	9	0.502			
38	Ennerray [IT]	25	0.473	6	0.125	27
39	Vikram Solar [IN]	8	0.461	2	0.200	23
40	Blattner Energy [US]	9	0.455	0	0.000	

The top 40 utility-scale EPC contractors by cumulative installed capacity

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Four of the top 11 companies are based in India. This reflects not only the strength of the domestic Indian market, but also the fact that companies like Sterling & Wilson are now prominent in bidding for projects elsewhere – such as the world's largest single plant at Sweihan in the UAE.



Success in overseas markets has similarly allowed leading German companies like Belectric, Juwi, Enerparc and BayWa r.e. to remain high on the list even as their home market has stagnated. Spanish EPC's too have remained active internationally and can now be expected to climb the table as their home market revitalises.

The leading US-based contractors, by contrast, have traditionally focussed mainly domestic installations. First Solar, which has now largely discontinued its EPC activities, may well lose its #1 position this year.

The biggest climbers in this list alongside Sterling & Wilson are Scatec Solar, TSK, Eiffage and Gransolar. The fact that there have been few recent CSP installations has made Abengoa the biggest faller. SunEdison will continue to slide following their demise, as will the more recently collapsed RCR Tomlinson.

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Notes for editors:

- [1] This release on the utility-scale solar market is available here:
http://wiki-solar.org/library/public/200407_Top_EPC_contractors_for_utility-scale_solar.pdf
- [2] Wiki-Solar defines 'utility-scale solar' as more than 4 MW_{AC} (~ 1,500 households in Europe) see: <http://wiki-solar.org/data/glossary/utility-scale.html>.
- [3] '*Solar Photovoltaic Projects in the mainstream power market*' was [published](#) in 2012.
- [4] Wiki-Solar is the leading authority on utility-scale solar with a database covering some 12,000 utility-scale solar projects, of which about three-quarters are operational. All figures are based on the AC export rating of operational plants. Projects under development are excluded until they have been commissioned.

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