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Solar driven power bank charger made by free-form OPV in a 3D configuration

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"When planning our merger with ARMOR, we had imagined which great opportunities would arise from the sharing of our skills. And to see now how these become a reality is extremely satisfying. Thanks to the combination of our complementary expertise, we have the ambition to take the European photovoltaic industry into a new era and to expand the use of OPV technology very widely in the near future," comments Dr. Ralph Paetzold, CEO of ARMOR solar power films GmbH.

"The gradual integration of the technologies, know-how and of the employees went as scheduled and we are pleased to now be operating as a single entity. The use of the one and same name in France and in Germany demonstrates to our international clients our mutual understanding to form a single European company," adds Dr. Ralph Paetzold.

Armor solar power films: a strong and recognized player in the European energy industry

The integration of OPVIUS into ARMOR was well received, as reflected, among others, by the nomination of the new ARMOR solar power films GmbH entity as nominee of the German Sustainability Award. This prize, with its 8 categories, more than 800 applicants and close to 2000 guests attending the award ceremony, is the most notable of its kind in Europe.

"This nomination highlights ARMOR's recent development in photovoltaics and emphasizes its role as industry leader in Europe." explains Hubert de Boisredon, Chairman and CEO of ARMOR. "With our ASCA[®] organic photovoltaic film that is free of rare earths and toxic components, 100% recyclable and which offers an EPBT of less than 3 months, we are playing an active role in the development of renewable energies in Europe"

About ARMOR

ARMOR specialises in the industrial formulation of inks and the coating of thin layers onto thin films. The Group is the global market leader in the design and manufacture of thermal transfer ribbons for printing variable traceability data on labels and flexible packaging. The European market leader in innovative and sustainable printing services and consumables, the Group is a pioneer in the development and production of industrial inks and innovative materials, such as organic solar films, coated collectors for electric batteries and bespoke filaments for additive manufacturing. With an international presence, ARMOR has nearly 2,000 employees in some 20 different countries. In 2019 it posted annual revenue of €280m. Each year the group invests nearly €30m in industrial equipment and R&D. ARMOR is a responsible company committed to stimulating innovation within society. www.armor-group.com

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