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New York Solar Company Powering Progress Amid COVID-19 Shutdown

Island Park, New York, April 14, 2020 – EmPower Solar, an Island Park-based solar installer has ceased installation work but maintains its office staff to prepare for an enormous pipeline of projects and record-demand. The firm specializes in residential and commercial solar projects, energy storage systems, and EV charging stations.

The firm plans to commission 5 MW of commercial solar projects this year and already has more than 10MW in the pipeline for 2021. It also expects to install a nearly 500 hundred residential solar panel and over 100 batteries before year's end.

Before the state-wide shut down related to COVID-19, the firm hired a dozen solar installation professionals to ramp up for this year's record growth. While all field employees are now on a temporary furlough, the company plans to revamp hiring and resume overtime as soon as government and health officials give the green light to do so.

"There is nothing more important at this moment than health and safety of our teams and broader community. With appropriate safety measures in place, our workforce continues incredible work to prepare for a record 2020 year once field work resumes," said David G. Schieren, CEO of EmPower Solar. "Our team's resolve and determination at this time to serve our clients, our mission, and colleagues is nothing short of remarkable," added Schieren.

"We may not have boots on the roof today, but our home-based teams are working behind the scenes to advance these projects and get them ready for install day. From final design to permitting to interconnection applications, our internal motors are cranking," said Greg Sachs, Chief Operations Officer.

"We've used this time of pause and reflection to prepare supplies, organize ourselves, revamp our procedures, and retrain our team on how to safely interact with each other and with our clients," added Sachs.

The company is no stranger to dark times. EmPower Solar's Island Park office took on 4 feet of water during Superstorm Sandy. The firm points to that as a learning experience and plans to use lessons on teamwork, positivity, and resiliency to well position the company over the next few weeks. "We have many silver linings. The sun will rise again, and we will get back to work, stronger than we were before," added Schieren.

Assuming a resumption of work mid to end of May, EmPower Solar's commercial division will install over 14 projects totaling over 5 MW, including diverse array of clients and building types such as school districts, fortune 500 companies, country clubs, private developers, public libraries, community centers and more. Additionally, EmPower Solar is working on developing commercial solar plus battery storage systems to take advantage of new state programs.

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