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**ValSolar: New large-scale photovoltaic programme at Mouans Sartoux***ValSolar has finalised the implementation of five photovoltaic generators in the Argile Business Park in Mouans Sartoux*

ValSolar, the French Riviera-based company specialising in the design, installation and maintenance of large-scale solar generators has just finalised the implementation of five photovoltaic generators across five buildings at the Argile Business Park in Mouans Sartoux.

This programme has involved refurbishing almost **10,000m² of roof area and constructing 3,000m² on a new building**. With a total surface area of 7,500m² fitted with photovoltaic panels, **this is over 5000 photovoltaic panels that have been installed on roofs in the Argile Business Park**.

A large-scale local energy power plant

1,100,000 kilowatt hours is the annual estimated production of the solar photovoltaic generators at the Argile Business Park in Mouans Sartoux! This production capacity makes it the region's largest solar power plant.

As a comparison, the electricity produced each year is equivalent to the electricity consumption of 440 homes (Source: ADEME). Applied to the population of Mouans Sartoux, that's **17%** of the electricity consumption of the inhabitants of Mouans Sartoux that will be produced at the Argile Business Park (population of 10,331 inhabitants in 2007). This plant contributes to the region's objectives to increase the amount of energy produced locally on the Côte d'Azur from 10% to 15% by 2012.

This 'solar' programme in Mouans Sartoux is one of the initiatives deployed in the Alpes-Maritimes by **VALSOLAR**. The **Logistics Business Park at Nice Saint Isidore** is also about to be finished with over **20 000m²** of roof area refurbished and a 9000m² solar power plant. In the Alpes-Maritimes, other large scale programmes are underway in the towns of Antibes (**3,000m²**), Vallauris (**12 000m²**), Cannes (**8,000m²**), Mougins (**5,000m²**), Carros (**2,000m²**) and Saint André de la Roche (**2,000m²**).

In total, in 2011, solar power plant renovation/installation projects by **VALSOLAR** in the Alpes-Maritimes represent a surface area of almost **45,000 m²** of buildings fitted with photovoltaic panels. This represents a total power of **3.5 MWp** (megawatts peak) and positions the company as a major player on the solar market in the **PACA** region.

These many projects are also reflected through the creation of "green" jobs, since VALSOLAR plans to strengthen its teams (13 people currently) by hiring 2 additional employees by the end of the year.

More information: www.valsolar.fr/