



COVEME Zhangjiagang Factory New Production Line Put into Operation

On October 15, COVEME, the global third largest back panel manufacturer declared that the new production line located in Zhanjiagang Factory was put into operation to meet the increasing demands of customers in Asia. Mr. Stefano Neri, the COO, Mr. Fabio Menicanti, GM of sales Asia and other senior managers attended the press conference.

Menicanti, GM sales Asia expressed in the opening ceremony, “this completely new production line of Zhangjiagang Factory, that doubles the first one, is the second part of an investment in the Asian markets that started in 2011. Total ground surface of the factory is 35.000mq, with a workshop surface of 12.800mq; the new plant workshop north part is 4971 mq. With the new production line put into production, the factory reach an output of 5ML mq every month, approximately 4 GW/month”

According to the introduction, Zhangjiagang Factory is located in the core area of the Yangtze River Delta, adjacent to Shanghai, Suzhou and Nanjing, where most of the PV manufacturing enterprises in China are located. “The new production line’s put into use will make us closer to the Asian customers, and can provide rapider and more efficient logistics support.” Mr. Neri expressed, “At the same time, the newly established Chinese R&D team and the latest upgraded production process etc. will more improve our product quality. The laboratory is equipped with the most modern and advanced instruments to guaranteed a high standard level of controls and analysis. Supporting our local R&D with the special instruments and tests”

With the latest production line put into production, Zhangjiagang Factory has newly increased 141 employees, and has provided completely new dust-free room. Designed to optimize the materials flow, all productions area are climatized, in particular the Laminators room is in over pressure compare outside, to guaranteed the cleanless inside. (A system named « EOLO», with the implementation on going, will reduce the contamination inside the laminators room) Besides, the new factory has been improved and upgraded in terms of production process, product raw materials, and man-

ufacturing process etc., so as to provide the world first-class back panel products for the customers.

In recent years, the market competition of PV back panel has been fiercer and fiercer, but with the excellent quality and accurate market strategy, COVEME has made remarkable achievements. In 2014, there was a back panel sales amount of 30 million square meters globally, increasing by 25% on a year-on-year basis, in which the main sales was from China and America, and COVEME also became the global third largest back panel manufacturer.

With regard to this, Menicanti expressed in the opening speech, “COVEME will always concern the change of global PV market. In the future, we will adjust the capacity according to the customers’ feedback and market demand while providing the most excellent back panel products for the PV module producers in Asia.”