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TULiPPS Solar Nominated for Dutch Solar Innovation Awards, Winners to be Announced in Mid-February 2012

EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS – "With a significant amount of the world's solar photovoltaic (PV) modules currently being produced on Dutch equipment," notes Paul Stassen, TULiPPS Solar B.V. managing director, "the Netherlands are well represented in the world of solar. That's why we're so excited to learn that TULiPPS Solar was one of three companies nominated for the 2012 Dutch Solar Innovation Awards in the *Industrial Development* category. It's a really big honor for any company to be nominated in this competition, and it is especially exciting for a startup like ours." Sponsored by Dutch Solar Magazine, the Dutch Solar Awards (http://www.dutchsolarawards.nl/overons.html) is a competition designed to showcase the best of the Dutch solar-energy sector by recognizing innovation in four award categories. Winners will be announced mid-February 2012.

The *Industry Development* category recognizes a company that excels in achieving an industrial innovation (realized in calendar year 2011) that advances the progress of industry and the solar market on a global scale. The other three award categories include: *Project Development*, *Young Solar,* and *Solar Thesis*.

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New patent-pending COSMOS module technology from **TULiPPS Solar B.V.** – available in standard 72- and larger 120-cell configurations – has carefully been designed to address deficiencies with conventional PV systems in order to bring greater value to all members of the solar PV supply chain – from the PV module manufacturers and module installation companies to building owners and investors. Developed in partnership with leading companies in the automotive composites, roofing, and PV industries, and with financial support from the Province of Noord-Brabant and assistance from the Brabantse Ontwikkelingsmaatschappij in the Netherlands, the modules reduce weight, production costs, installation time and maintenance, as well as increase revenues, and lower system costs (Watt-peak installed) for the next generation of solar PV modules. Key to the success of the system is the combination of tough but lightweight automotive-grade composites, a frameless support system with *plug-'n-play* functionality, a proven roof-anchor system that does not penetrate the roof membrane, and special thin 2-mm/0.08 inch, single-layer toughened solar glass from Ducatt NV that provides improved break resistance and industry's highest light transparency (95% vs. 91% achieved with thicker low-iron solar glass) and therefore offers greater energy conversion per unit area. COSMOS module technology is applicable for roof- or ground-mounted solar arrays as well as building-integrated PV (BIPV) modules and can easily be implemented in all existing PV module factories.

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