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This filing relates to the proposed merger of CBD-WS Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of CBD Energy Limited, with Westinghouse Solar, Inc., pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 7, 2012, by and among Westinghouse Solar, Inc., CBD Energy Limited and CBD-WS Merger Sub, Inc.

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Participants in the Merger Solicitation

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Westinghouse Solar and CBD Energy to Distribute Systems in Australia

Campbell, CA, June 5, 2012 – Westinghouse Solar, Inc. (NASDAQ:WEST), a designer and manufacturer of integrated rooftop solar power systems, and CBD Energy Ltd. (ASX:CBD), a diversified renewable energy company, today jointly announced plans to begin distributing Westinghouse Solar Power Systems in Australia. This follows last week's announcement of the settlement of all disputes between Westinghouse Solar and Zep Solar.

Westinghouse Solar CEO Margaret Randazzo commented, "In parallel with our efforts to complete our pending merger with CBD, both companies are committed to growing the business in a collaborative effort. As a first step, CBD, through its solar subsidiaries, has agreed to market and install our solar power systems in the Australian and other international markets. The Australian market enjoys a sound regulatory environment for solar, and provides an opportunity for us to grow revenue in a non-US market devoid of risk of punitive tariffs".

"A key reason for pursuing this merger was the strength of the award winning technology that Westinghouse Solar possesses," said Gerry McGowan, Managing Director and CEO of CBD. "When coupled with the significant brand awareness the Westinghouse name provides, one of the first items on our agenda was to bring these integrated 'plug-and-play' solar power systems, with fewer parts, superior safety and faster install times to the Australian market. After demonstrating the technology to our customers, they have shown strong interest and we are working to make this innovative technology available to them as soon as possible. Other key features such as the web-based system monitoring and better energy collection will be important advantages in the Australian market, which installed in excess of 830 megawatts of solar last year. In short, I believe the Westinghouse Solar product to be a class leader" Mr. McGowan said.

Westinghouse Solar plans to begin shipping to CBD in the third quarter of this year. Further, the companies have been working on future plans to assemble Westinghouse Solar products in Australia using CBD's newly established solar panel manufacturing facility.

CBD Head of Strategy Carlo Botto said "In the past five years, electricity prices have risen at four times the rate of inflation in Australia. Recently released research by an industry association has shown household electricity charges are already 70% higher than the American average, a figure that is expected to grow to 160% in two years. These increases include the cost of the recently legislated carbon tax, which is expected to add an additional 11% to average power bills, and then increase year-on-year. Roof-top solar generation will play an increasingly important role in assisting Australia's households and businesses to mitigate against volatile and ever-increasing energy costs".

About Westinghouse Solar: (NASDAQ:WEST)

Founded in 2001, Westinghouse Solar is a designer and manufacturer of solar power systems. In 2007, Westinghouse Solar pioneered the concept of integrating the racking, wiring and grounding directly into the solar panel. This revolutionary solar panel, originally branded "Andalay", quickly won industry acclaim. In 2009, the company again broke new ground with the first integrated AC solar panel, reducing the number of components for a rooftop solar installation by approximately 80 percent and lowering labor costs by approximately 50 percent. This AC panel which won the 2009 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award, has become the industry's most widely installed AC solar panel. A new generation of products named "Instant Connect" has just been introduced and is expected to achieve even greater market acceptance. Award-winning Westinghouse Solar Power Systems provide the best combination of safety, performance and reliability, while backed by the proven quality of the Westinghouse name. For more information on Westinghouse Solar, visit www.westinghousesolar.com.

About CBD Energy (ASX:CBD)

CBD is Australia's emerging leader in renewable energy, enabling the efficient use of renewable energy for utilities, businesses and households through operations in wind, solar, energy storage and engineering. It has become one of the largest non-utility suppliers and installers of solar energy generation equipment for both large- and domestic-scale operation in Australia. Utilizing its globally-competitive supply chain, CBD is also currently developing and profitably installing solar projects in Europe and Southeast Asia, both directly and through joint ventures. For more information on CBD, visit www.cbdenery.com.au.

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