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MEDIA ADVISORY FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER TIM ECHOLS

Commissioner Echols to Tour Suniva, Inc. Facility

Who: Commissioner Tim Echols
Where: 5765 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
Norcross, Georgia 30092
When: 12:30 p.m.
April 5, 2011

ATLANTA – April 4, 2011 - Commissioner Tim Echols will tour the Suniva, Inc. manufacturing facility in Norcross, Georgia on Tuesday April 5, 2011 following the Georgia Public Service Commission Administrative Session. Echols will meet with **Anthony A. Coker**, Senior Director Strategic Initiatives Suniva, Inc. and then spend about two hours touring the facility.

“Having solar hot water heating in my home in Athens, I appreciate the great strides being made in this technology. It’s great having a Georgia company producing state of the art renewable technology,” Echols said, “I hope more of our citizens will take advantage of these great products.”

Suniva evolved in 2007 from Suniva CEO John W. Baumstark’s collaboration with Dr. Ajeet Rohatgi, Regent's professor and founding director of Georgia Tech's University Center of Excellence for Photovoltaics (UCEP). In October 2008, Suniva began production of its first-generation solar cells, achieving the fastest production ramp-up in solar manufacturing. In just three years, Suniva has expanded its production capacity from 30 MW to 170 MW; set world records for solar cell efficiencies; implemented its next generation technology, and was named 2010's Commercial Technology of the Year by Platts Global Energy and Renewable Energy Exporter of the Year by the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Commissioner Echols is the newest member of the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been elected statewide to a six-year term in November, 2010. His complete biography is at <http://tiny.cc/y5ktq>.

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