

## **SunEnergy Names Walt Ratterman CEO of Nonprofit Organization**

Solar Energy Veteran, Educator, and Humanitarian to Lead SunEnergy Power International

Bend, Oregon, February 14, 2008 / -- The Board of Directors of SunEnergy Power International (SEPI) announced the appointment of Walt Ratterman as Chief Executive Officer of this 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Mr. Ratterman is also a Director and officer of SEPI's sister company SunEnergy Power Corporation (SEPC). Mr. Ratterman will be responsible for securing and managing donations, selecting and funding projects, and will continue his hands-on role in designing and implementing PV systems for clinics, hospitals, schools, villages and water delivery projects in needy, developing parts of the world.

SEPI and SEPC have a unique relationship and history. "SEPC is a for-profit corporation organized to develop commercial-scale solar electric projects in the U.S." said Doug Parsons, CEO of SEPC. "The after-tax earnings of SEPC are used to partially fund SEPI, a nonprofit public benefits corporation, which implements humanitarian renewable energy projects in remote, rural regions of the world." Mr. Parsons added, "During SEPC's startup, SEPI has developed and implemented renewable energy projects in partnership with other nonprofit organizations, assisting them with the necessary field experience, and expects these valuable relationships to continue as we grow."

Mr. Ratterman has been serving as the Chief Project Officer for both SEPC and SEPI and has been instrumental in implementing numerous PV projects in Asia, Africa, and South America. Walt was recently featured in an award-winning PBS documentary titled "Beyond the Call" and was recognized for his extraordinary efforts and philanthropy in aiding those in dire need in very dangerous parts of the developing world. According to Mr. Ratterman, training is the key to make these projects last. The hallmark of every SEPI project, therefore, is that a major emphasis is placed on teaching the local population how to design, build, and maintain the systems.

"I am absolutely delighted to lead SEPI. We've reached the point in SunEnergy's growth that it now makes sense to split out the responsibilities so that each organization can focus on its own unique mission. I'm looking forward to the next level of growth for both SEPI and SEPC. This symbiotic relationship is what corporate social responsibility is all about and I am proud to be associated with both organizations," explained Mr. Ratterman.

**About SunEnergy Power International:** SEPI is a nonprofit public benefits company organized as a 501(c)(3) organization. It develops and implements humanitarian renewable energy projects in remote parts of the world. For more information, or to inquire about donating, please contact Walt Ratterman via e-mail at [wratterman@SunEPI.org](mailto:wratterman@SunEPI.org) or visit [www.SunEPI.org](http://www.SunEPI.org).

**About SunEnergy Power Corporation:** SEPC is a vertically integrated service organization involved in all stages of the photovoltaic (PV) project lifecycle including marketing, sales, finance, design, installation, ongoing monitoring, maintenance, upgrading and eventual disposition. The company also has a detailed working knowledge of the myriad of detail involved in third-party financed commercial-scale solar electric projects. The founders of SEPC are Mo Rousso, Walt Ratterman and Doug Parsons. SEPC's website is [www.SunEnergyPower.com](http://www.SunEnergyPower.com).

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