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PINN BROS. FINE HOMES BUILDS SAN JOSE'S FIRST SOLAR & LEED CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOODS

San Jose, Calif.—Pinn Bros. Fine Homes, a leading Bay Area homebuilder is making history by building San Jose's first solar powered and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified single-family neighborhoods. The new home communities, Orchard Heights and Falcon Place, will open to the public Saturday, March 15th.

"Our decision to develop the first solar and LEED projects in the area was based on business and environmental strategies. We are confident that San Jose will react favorably to a solar and highly-efficient new home option and are proud to do our part in aiding the world's energy crisis," said Pinn Bros. Vice President of Land Development Greg A. Pinn.

Pinn Bros. is partnering with OCR Solar & Roofing to install BP Solar's roof-integrated EnergyTile solar modules as a standard feature on each home. The solar-powered homes will produce a total of 231,000 kWh per year in solar power and reduce greenhouse gases by 6.6 million pounds, which is equivalent to driving a car around the earth 240 times.

"We at OCR are excited to work with builders and developers like Pinn Bros. in an effort to exceed California's goal of 3,000 megawatts of new, solar-powered electricity produced by 2017," said Aaron Nitzkin, Vice President, Solar Division for OCR Solar & Roofing. "This effort is exciting for California, and we see a future where home buyers will come to demand energy efficient, solar homes like these."

Pinn Bros. inclusion of the following energy-saving features result in homes that are up to 35 percent above California's Title 24 Energy Standards—setting them apart from all other single-family builders in San Jose with a LEED designation by the US Green Building Council.

- Low-emittance (Low-E) dual-pane vinyl windows which have virtually invisible, metal or metallic oxide layers deposited on the window glazing surface reducing heat loss by suppressing radiative heat flow.
- Programmable setback thermostats allow the heater to set itself up and down at specific times saving the homeowner money and protecting the environment with energy used only when needed.
- R-30 attic insulation and R-13 wall insulation saves homebuyers from losing almost half of the warmth in their homes. According to California's Flex Your Power campaign, 45% of a home's heat loss comes from inadequate insulation.

- Dry cycle dishwashers include an air-dry option which is often able to save 15 to 50% of the appliance's energy used.
- Quick recovery 75-gallon hot water heaters allow homeowners to obtain hot water immediately which is one of the easiest ways to decrease energy output and lower bills.
- Full weather stripping on exterior doors helps to keep interior air in, thus saving energy with heating and air conditioning.
- Water-saving shower heads and toilets lower household water usage and energy costs, which according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is responsible for as much as \$500 per year.

About Pinn Brothers Fine Homes

With their family name on every home and community they build, Pinn Brothers Fine Homes has been committed to providing homebuyers with quality, distinction and value for more than 30 years. It is through an unwavering dedication to building in superior locales and utilizing impeccable workmanship that has made Pinn Brothers one of the nation's top builders. For more information on the Company and their distinguished new homes and communities throughout the Bay Area, please visit www.pinnbros.com.

OCR Solar & Roofing

OCR Solar & Roofing is one of the nation's largest installers of fully-integrated solar roofing solutions and the exclusive partner to global leader, BP Solar, for production homebuilding in Northern California. Led by its President, Dieter Folk, OCR provides homebuilders a collaborative approach to roofing by creating innovative solutions that meet their individual needs. The progressive company is ranked one of the top 10 residential roofing contractors in the country and has gained the trust of over 100+ homebuilders through their prompt attention, dependability and highest quality of craftsmanship. For further information, please visit www.ocrsolarandroofing.com.

BP Solar

BP Solar, part of BP Alternative Energy, is a global company with over 2300 employees. BP Solar designs, manufactures and markets products which use the sun's energy to generate electricity for a wide range of applications in the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. With over 30 years of experience and installations in more than 160 countries, BP Solar is one of the world's leading solar companies having 228MW annual manufacturing capacity in 2007, plus another 700MW capacity under construction. BP Solar has solar cell and module manufacturing plants in Sydney, Australia; Bangalore, India; Madrid, Spain; and Frederick, MD, USA; and module manufacturing in Xi'an, China. In Frederick it also has casting and wafering facilities. BP Solar invests more than \$10m annually in photovoltaic research and development.

BP Alternative Energy, launched in November 2005, combines all of BP's interests in low and zero-carbon energy including wind, solar, hydrogen power with carbon capture and storage, natural gas-fired power generation, biofuels for low carbon transport and distributed energy for emerging markets. For more information, please visit www.bpsolar.us or www.bpalternativenenergy.com.

Notes to Editors

BP Solar's EnergyTile product is a roof-integrated solar module that replaces concrete shingles on the roof.