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SolaBlock Passes Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 61730 Product Testing  
SolaBlock to Open Manufacturing Facility

Pittsfield, Mass and Troy, NY: SolaBlock today announced it has passed Intertek's UL 61730 Photovoltaic Module Safety Testing for its Solar Masonry Unit (SMU) product. This significant milestone will allow SolaBlock to initiate its next step to build out its final assembly line at its planned Pittsfield Mass manufacturing site. SolaBlock will achieve full UL 61730 certification when its assembly process and facility are reviewed by Intertek.

"This is a pivotal day for Solablock" explained CEO Eric Planey. "Full UL 61730 certification has been our number one priority since I joined SolaBlock. With the core product passing testing, we can now move from a research and design concern to a manufacturing business. Soon we will begin installing our solar-powered exterior walls and producing clean electricity throughout Massachusetts, New York, and the entire Northeast region."

SolaBlock co-founders, Jason Laverty and Pat Quinlan were quick to acknowledge MassCEC for funding the majority of our Intertek testing as without that support product testing wouldn't have been successful.

SolaBlock's SMUs are part of its Vertical Solar Solution (VSS), providing renewable energy for customers seeking green energy alternatives. SolaBlock's SMUs are designed to be long lasting, highly weather resistant, and even theft proof. SolaBlock's behind-the-meter, on site building embedded solar solution offers an opportunity to achieve LEED Certification while offsetting carbon on the road to achieving Net Zero emission status.

"The UL Photovoltaic Module Safety Certification is an incredibly rigorous process as it tests products in a multitude of extreme conditions to ensure the product's safety," explained Chris Flueckiger, SolaBlock's UL standards advisor and former UL Principal Engineer. "Passing UL 61730 product testing is a critical milestone towards full approval."

In the past 12 months, progress and development has been substantial at SolaBlock. SolaBlock has expanded its operations into Troy NY, creating a regional, two-state presence; been accepted as a member of CESMII, the Smart Manufacturing Institute; and reinforced its commitment to opening its assembly facility in Pittsfield. The Pittsfield facility will be the center-point of SolaBlock's Massachusetts and New York growth strategy of selling and installing its Vertical Solar Solution (VSS) and Solar Masonry Unit (SMU) products.

"SolaBlock has a vision and is committed to its regional approach that doesn't see the border between states as an impediment" commented Rick Lewandowski, NYSERDA Entrepreneur in Residence. "SolaBlock has smartly established itself in two states with strong clean energy and net-zero building mandates, New York and Massachusetts."

To learn more about SolaBlock, click [here](#).

About SolaBlock: SolaBlock provides Vertical Solar Solutions (VSS) for our customers utilizing our patented Solar Masonry Units (SMUs). SolaBlock's Solar Masonry Units (SMUs) combine premium solar technology with the familiarity of standard masonry units. Founded in Massachusetts, SolaBlock is proud to be made in the USA.

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