



Major solar energy contracts

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Carbone Lorraine has recently signed two **major contracts** with customers in the **solar energy industry**:

- The first covers the **isostatic graphite** needs of one of the major producers of polysilicon, the basic raw material required to manufacture solar panels. The contract is worth a total of around **\$60 million** over four years.
- The second covers the supply of **graphite systems** to a major manufacturer of equipment for the solar industry. It is worth around **\$25 million** and runs for 13 months.

These two contracts are in line with the Group's policy of strengthening its **partnerships** with leading customers in its target markets. They also show the new determination of certain major players to secure their purchases of graphite equipment over the **long term**.

These two major contracts will underpin Carbone Lorraine's positioning in the **solar segment**, which is enjoying very rapid growth. This highly demanding industry's customers appreciate Carbone Lorraine's extremely pure graphite, the very large size of the components delivered, which provide them with economies of scale, and the location of our production workshops at the heart of the US, European and Chinese markets.

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About Carbone Lorraine

Carbone Lorraine is a world leader in graphite solutions and electrical components. The Group specialises in the use of high-tech materials in highly demanding industrial environments and in the development of systems essential to a safe electrical motors' operation and to the protection of electrical equipment. With more than 85% of its sales achieved outside France, the Group holds leadership positions in all of its core businesses.

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| Advanced Materials and Technologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in graphite anticorrosion equipment - World number two in high-temperature applications of isostatic graphite |
| Electrical Applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in brushes for electric motors |
| Electrical Protection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World number one in fuses for power semiconductors - World number two in industrial fuses |

The Group is listed on the Premier Marché of the Paris Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the CAC Mid100, SBF120 and Next 150 indices.

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