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**RE: Letter of Support for Soitec CPV Solar Plants in Eastern San Diego County**

Dear Ms. Gungle:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for Soitec Solar's proposed solar projects, Rugged and Tierra del Sol, in Eastern San Diego County.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region, including Imperial County and Baja California, as a global leader in the cleantech economy. The organization achieves this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region.

Soitec's projects, which together are certified as a California Environmental Leadership Development Project, will provide a local source of renewable energy and create hundreds of temporary construction jobs at prevailing wages as well as 30-40 permanent jobs.

In addition, the projects will provide numerous economic and environmental benefits to San Diego County including:

- Locally produced technology in Soitec's manufacturing facility, which employs 250 highly-skilled workers;
- A capital investment of approximately \$469 million in the San Diego region;
- Soitec's commitment to offset all greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Soitec's commitment to work with the local communities to mitigate potential impacts.

Thank you for considering Cleantech San Diego's input. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson  
President  
Cleantech San Diego