

## **Technical de-risking** of Energy Storage and PV Assets in Asia and Worldwide

### 17.6+ GW

PV equipment & projects quality assured

### NNOVATIVE

Al-based quality assurance with proprietary forensic software tools

### **40+** COUNTRIES

Solar PV project and client locations

### *Quality Assurance* | Solar Farm Inspections | Factory Audits

### Inspections & Insurance | Laboratory Testing

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### **250+** FACTORIES

Audited by our IRCAaccredited auditors

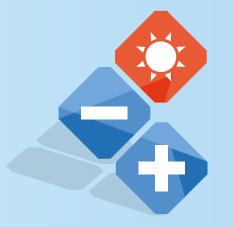
### **#1 PARTNER**

Of leading insurance companies

## **OUR MISSION**

Sinovoltaics Group implements its ZERO RISK SOLAR<sup>®</sup> services to eliminate risk and optimize **ROI in your Energy Storage and PV Supply Chain.** 

ZERO RISK SOLAR<sup>®</sup> is a proprietary, data-driven technical service scope covering the entire Energy Storage and PV supply chain.



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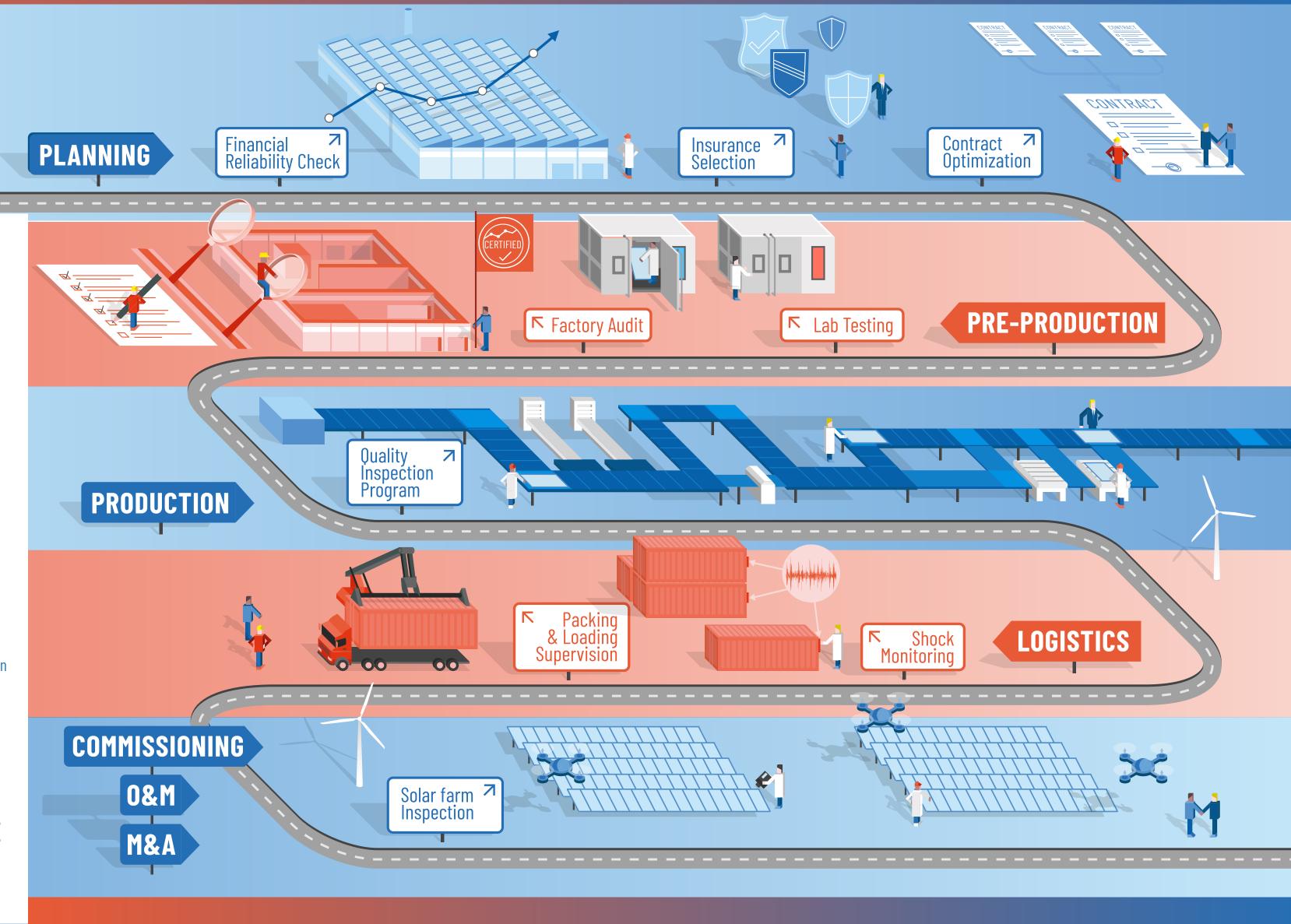
- Production monitoring
- Material verification
- Pre-shipment inspection
  100% EL review

### LOGISTICS STAGE

Shock monitoring Packaging & Loading Supervision

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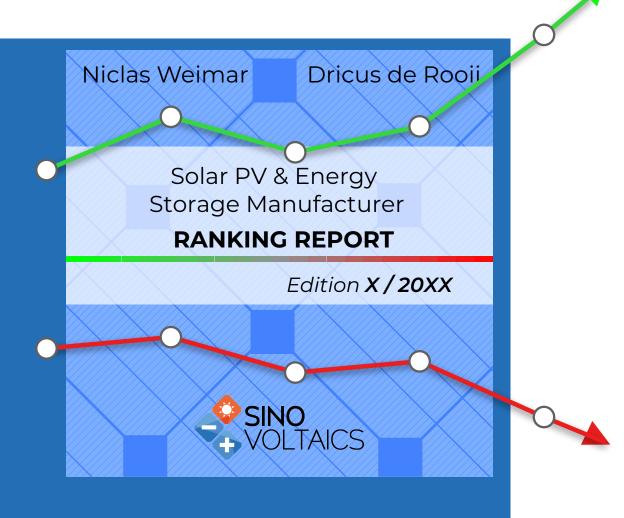
Solar farm inspection



## **PLANNING PHASE**

## FINANCIAL RELIABILITY CHECK

How to pick a financially strong factory that supports your warranties longterm?



With the Sinovoltaics Solar PV & Energy Storage Manufacturer Ranking Reports you have access to the ranking of 150+ PV module, inverter and energy storage manufacturers according to their financial strength.

During the planning phase of your PV projects, we recommend to work with a PV manufacturer that is able to guarantee your warranties for the long term.

### **NEW: Ranking scores of Energy Storage** manufacturers!

You can download the Ranking Reports for free on our website:

www.sinovoltaics.com/ranking-report/



### **YOUR BENEFITS**

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- **Only work with the financially** strong PV factories
- 150+ PV module, inverter and energy storage manufacturers ranked according to their financial strength
- **Bankruptcy predictability** scores for Energy Storage & PV manufacturers
- **Ensure that you factory** warranties are valid for the longterm

## **PLANNING PHASE**

# **INSURANCE SELECTION**

### How to use insurance to guarantee your project ROI?



The quality of the PV components, the engine behind the ROI of any project, is essence for a 100% functioning solar farm.

Quality is key, and insurance companies are now willing to insure solar energy projects based on the approved quality of solar modules.

#### **AVAILABLE INSURANCE SOLUTIONS INCLUDE:**

- Marine / cargo
- Construction all risk
- Operational all risk
- Inherent defect coverage
- PV Performance Warranty insurance
- PV Performance Guarantee insurance

#### **BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Insurance coverage possible for any module brand from any module manufacturer.
- Insurance eligibility upon quality confirmation.



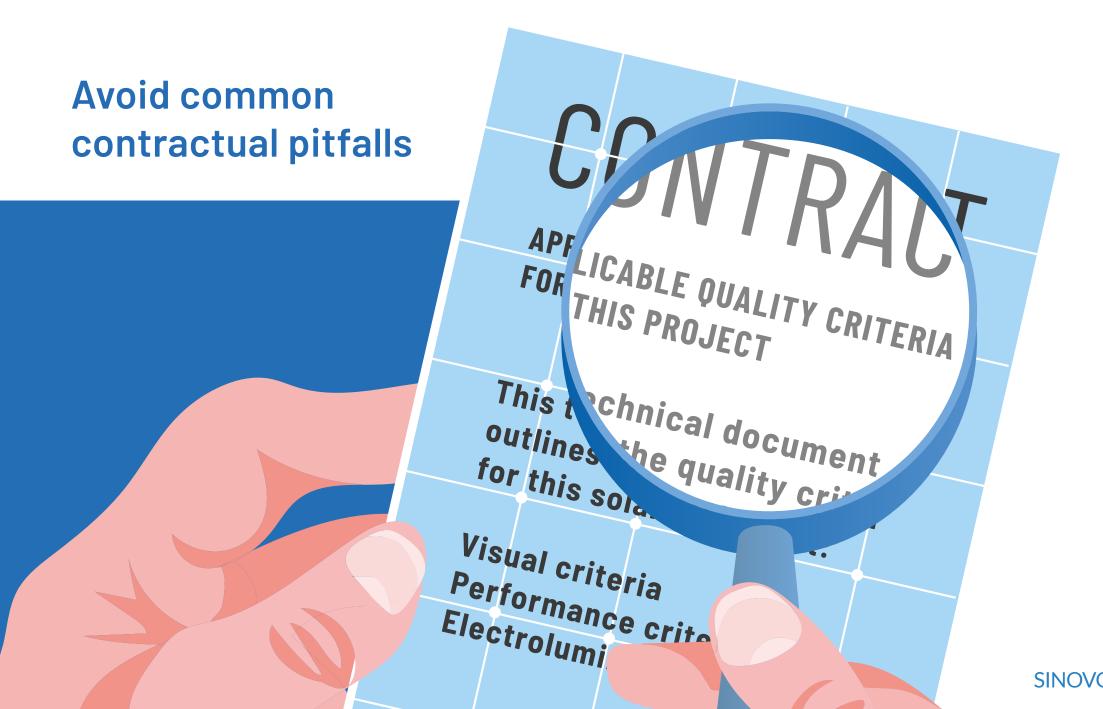


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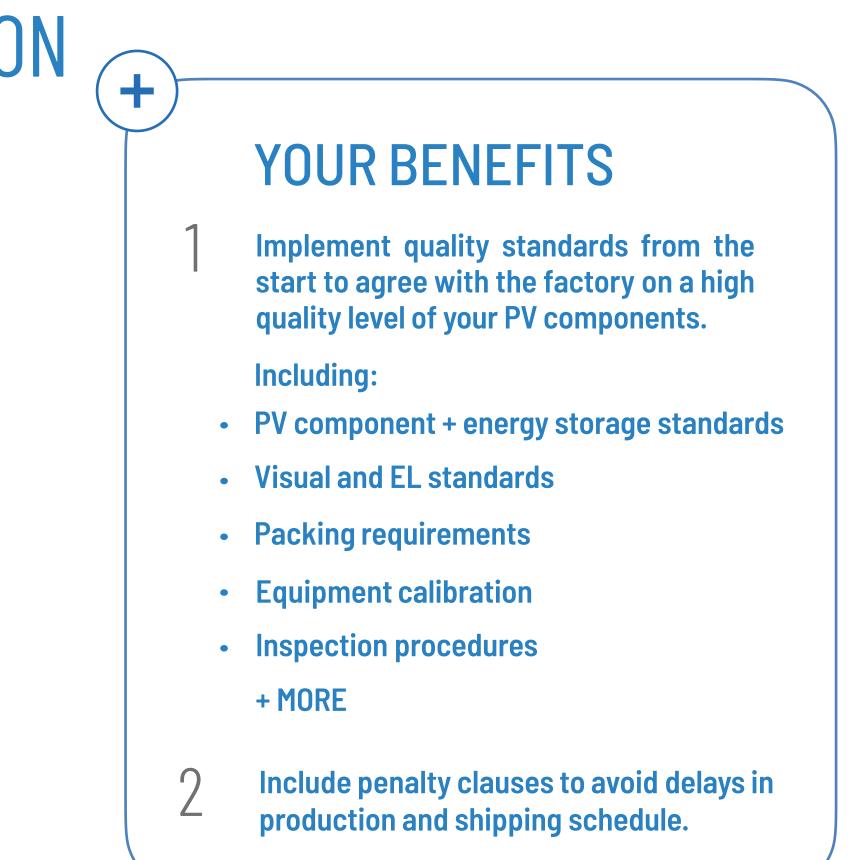
## **PLANNING PHASE**

## PROCUREMENT CONTRACT OPTIMIZATION

# How to optimize your procurement contract to eliminate risk?







## **PRE-PRODUCTION PHASE**

# LABORATORY TESTING

### How do you ensure that your unique project will perform as it should?

For external laboratory testing, we partner with CBTL KIWA, which operates laboratories in Europe and Asia. Based on our strong partnership, we can offer a broad range of cost-efficient and instant laboratory testing services on solar PV modules and module primary materials, complementary to our quality inspection services.



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### LABORATORY TESTS INCLUDE:

- I-V measurement
- Electroluminescence (EL) imaging
- Potential induced degradation (PID) test
- Light induced degradation (LID) test
- Dynamic mechanical load test
- Low irradiance I-V measurement (200W/m2)
- Temperature coefficient test
- Wet leakage current test
- Damp heat test (1000hrs)
- TC200
- EVA gel content test
- Peel strength test
- Humidity Freeze (HF 10) test



## YOUR BENEFITS

- No waiting time: testing can commence upon receipt of samples
- Short testing lead-time
- Fast reporting on test results
- Partnership with CBTL KIWA for laboratory tests in Europe and Asia

**Cost-efficient** 

## **PRE-PRODUCTION PHASE**

# FACTORY AUDIT

### How do you know which factories are reliable?

Dealing with manufacturers in foreign countries brings certain risks. Before making large investments it is wise to investigate the reliability of the manufacturer.

As the reality is often different from what many manufacturers try to portray, sustainable solar PV business development requires careful pre-screening and professional pre-qualification of prospective suppliers to make the right purchase decisions.



For a PV factory to be World Class, there are multiple requirements that need to be in place.



#### These requirements

relate to product quality, reliability, manufacturing processes and compliance with various technology, safety, and environmental standards.

We cover a wide range of factory audits, including QMS, HSE, sustainability and financial audits. Sinovoltaics issues audit reports which are accepted by the leading banks and insurance companies.



### WHY WORK WITH US?

- Reports accepted by the leading banks and insurance companies in the PV industry
- 2 Corrective checklist for factory before production can start
- **3** Unique score card to compare factories
- 4 ISO system standards- trained multilingual auditors (IRCA accredited)
- Punctual audit reports within 5
   business days

## **PRODUCTION PHASE**

## **INSPECTION PROGRAM**

## How do you make sure the factory delivers the quality you paid for?



Our comprehensive quality assurance services cover all components and critical primary materials of small and large solar photovoltaic systems.

MODULES	INVERTERS	MOL
TRACKERS	ISOLATORS	CO
CABLES	STORAGE	TF

### **OUR INSPECTION SERVICES COVER:**

- 24/7 in-line production monitoring
- Pre-shipment inspections
- Post-shipment inspections
- FAT witnessing on-site at the factory



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RANSFORMERS

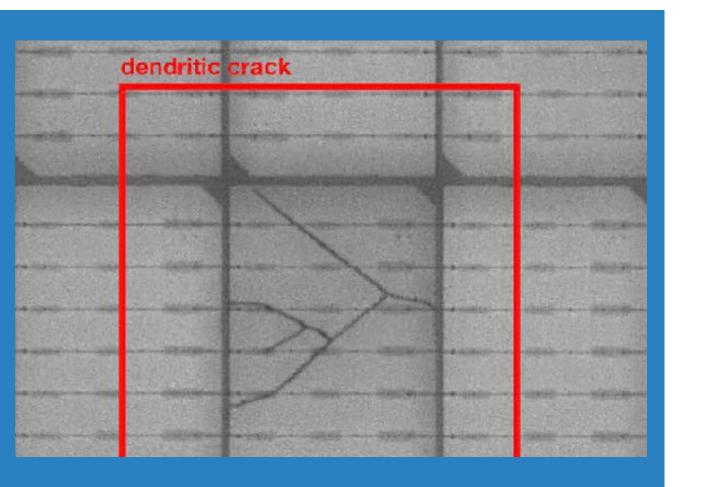
### WHY WORK WITH US?

- **Proprietary quality standards** and inspection procedures for each PV component type
- Specialized quality engineers for each PV component type
- **Replace PV components with** defects on-site at the factory
- 24/7 online inspection progress monitoring systems
  - **Punctual inspection reports** within 5 business days

## **PRODUCTION PHASE - SOLAR MODULES**

## **INSPECTION PROGRAM - AI DRIVEN EL DEFECT ANALYSIS**

### How do you eliminate all major micro cracks from a shipment?



#### **100% EL IMAGE ANALYSIS**

Our in-house IT team has over the years developed proprietary software to speed up Quality Assurance work. With access to our highly precise defect detection software, you're able to eliminate all significant cellinherent defects, such as micro cracks, from your shipments.

#### **PHOTO-FORENSIC SOFTWARE**

In additional to automated software to detect and mark micro cracks, you can also access our photo-forensic software to avoid any fake EL image that have been tampered with.



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## YOUR BENEFITS

- **Replace all solar modules with** major cell-inherent defects
- **Automatic defect detection** and marking
- Photo-forensic analysis and identification of edited and fake **EL images**
- Cost- and time-efficient mass-scale technical due diligence

**Adjustable quality criteria** 

## **LOGISTICS PHASE**

## PACKING & LOADING SUPERVISION

## How to make sure your PV components arrive in a perfect state?

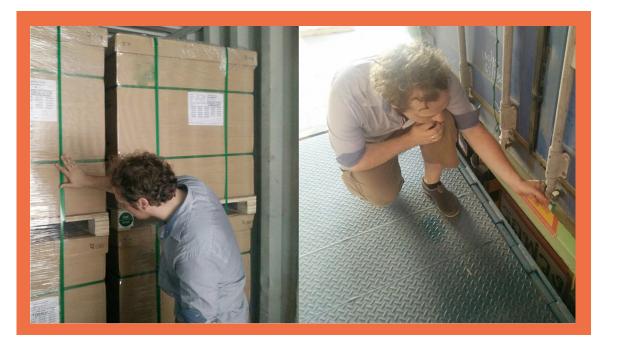


After the general inspections have been finished, our team will remain on-site to make sure your solar products are properly packed and loaded in the shipping containers.

Include vibration sensors in your containers for shock monitoring



VIBRATION SENSOR









### YOUR BENEFITS

- **Ensure best practices in packing** of solar modules
- **7** Safe packing supervision

Supervise container loading and register shipping data

## AUDITS AT ANY STAGE: COMMISSIONING + 0&M STAGE + M&A

# **SOLAR FARM INSPECTIONS**

### Is your solar farm performing as it should perform?

Our solar farm inspection team specializes in on-site technical audits and defect troubleshooting of solar farms worldwide.

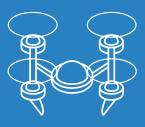
With state of the art proprietary procedures and techniques Sinovoltaics can precisely inspect and troubleshoot every element of your solar farm.

Our team has performed hundreds on-site inspections at solar farms in every part of the world.

#### **ON-SITE TESTING INCLUDES:**

- Infrared Thermography
- Electroluminescence Imaging
- Module/ String I-V Measurement





### YOUR BENEFITS

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- **PV doctor: Fast diagnosis and** repair of PV projects
- In-house developed hardware and software solutions for costand time-efficient inspections
  - **Certification of solar farms in** collaboration with our CB partners
  - **Targeted and mass-scale solar** farm inspections based on proprietary procedures
  - Services offered worldwide

## **RECENT PROJECT REFERENCES**

#### 2022 project references



### NETHERLANDS 60MWp

### USA 320MWp



### BRAZIL **94MWp**







### GERMANY **128MWp**



### INDIA **350MWp**

### VIETNAM **50MWp**



## **OUR TRUSTED CLIENTS**

A selection of established client references:





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## **FACTORIES AUDITED**

A selection of the over 250+ factories where our inspection team has been active:



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## ABOUT



Sinovoltaics Group is a Dutch-German quality assurance, product engineering and technical compliance consulting firm, specialised in de-risking of solar photovoltaic & Energy Storage assets and investments.

Headquartered in Hong Kong and with subsidiaries in Shanghai and Vietnam, we are strategically located close to all solar PV component manufacturing bases and shipping ports in Asia.

Benefit from the experience of our **30 MEN-STRONG**, multi-national auditing and quality engineering team from Germany, Netherlands, Austria, Egypt, Philippines and China, having performed audits and PV quality inspections at over **250+ DIFFERENT SOLAR FACTORIES** across Asia-Pacific and Europe, including Mainland China, India, Malaysia, Portugal, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam, comprising over 17.6+ GW of solar PV & Energy Storage equipment.

Sinovoltaics Group assists project owners, IPPs, EPCs, utilities and financial institutions worldwide with the execution of ZERO RISK SOLAR® projects implemented by our multi-national team of solar PV-specialized and accredited auditors and engineers on-site in Asia.

Sinovoltaics Group has been active in the feld of PV Risk Management for over 10 years.



### ELIMINATE RISKS AND **GUARANTEE PROJECT ROI**

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