



Communiqué de presse

## **PlanetSolar moves into the technological Y-Parc thanks to the support of ECA**

**PlanetSolar, the project to complete the first-ever circumnavigation powered exclusively by solar energy in 2010, welcomes ECA as an official supplier. Thanks to this partnership, the team moves in its new premises, in Yverdon's Y-Parc in Switzerland.**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, May 16, 2008** – One month after announcing the arrival of their first main partner, PlanetSolar welcomes ECA (Etablissement Cantonal d'Assurance) as an official supplier.

“Thanks to this new partnership, we are now moving PlanetSolar's headquarters at Yverdon's Y-Parc”, says PlanetSolar founder and co-skipper Raphaël Domjan. We are very happy, because this place reflects our futuristic vision. Many pioneering companies are already established there. On top of this, all our electricity will be produced by solar panels on the roof of the building.”

Whilst supporting PlanetSolar, ECA joins a futuristic project that combines entrepreneurship and respect for the environment. “ECA insures goods against fires and acts of nature, explains Jérôme Frachebourg, ECA's General Manager. “This type of damages tends to increase and it is our responsibility to worry about the evolution of the climat. We support PlanetSolar because it is an intelligent project oriented around a better use of energy.”

PlanetSolar is an international project, whose team includes physicists, engineers, boat builders and a number of environmental protection specialists. The PlanetSolar boat is a revolutionary multihull carrying 180 m<sup>2</sup> of photovoltaic solar panels.

A number of companies have already shown support for PlanetSolar, and are working with the project as its Official Suppliers. Autodesk will be supplying the CAD software, the MGI Group in Lausanne will look after administration, Horus Networks SARL will supply a range of internet services and host the PlanetSolar web site, whilst Moser Design in Lausanne will design the project's corporate identity and visual communication material.

The first-ever solar-powered circumnavigation of the globe will set many new records and worldwide firsts: the first solar-powered round-the-world journey by any means of transport, the first solar-powered crossing of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, the first circumnavigation by a solar-powered boat and the record for crossing the Atlantic.

