

Is the solar industry free from legal disputes?

Although solar is now the fastest-growing energy source in the US, the solar industry is not free from legal disputes. Most of the cells needed to produce it are imported from abroad, and as a result, the sector has been caught up in some of the biggest trade disagreements in recent years.

Are solar technology patents being litigated?

Given the relatively mature state of solar technology and the number of companies operating and seeking to operate in the sector, it is not surprising that there has been an increase in litigation in recent years concerning the patents underlying solar technologies. One of the most significant disputes to date has been between SolarEdge and Huawei.

Does SolarEdge have a patent dispute with SMA Solar?

SolarEdge is also involved in a global patent dispute with competitor SMA Solar Technology, in which SolarEdge is defending infringement proceedings and challenging the validity of SMA Solar's patents that also relate to inverter technology. Another separate, ongoing multi-jurisdictional dispute of note is between Hanwha Q-Cells and Longi Solar.

Who is responsible for a solar project in the UK?

Solar energy is expected to more than double by 2030 and will therefore continue to be a key part of the UK's decarbonisation strategy. The main parties to solar projects will often include the: Developer (employer) - who obtains planning consent and finance for the project. Contractor - who is responsible for building the solar plant.

What happens if a solar project is delayed?

Previously, delayed completion could cause a solar project to become unviable due to a failure to achieve accreditation for incentive payments. In early large-scale solar projects, this failure could result in the contractor having to remove all plant and equipment and reinstate the site at its own cost.

Is solar power a cost-effective way to achieve net zero?

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China alleges that Italian and Greek law, which authorises high "feed-in tariffs" to encourage solar power generators, permits "prohibited" subsidies that directly discriminate ...

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