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REVIEW

**Climate Conference:
mixed feelings**

SOLAR THERMAL

**New controllers,
more features**

PHOTOVOLTAICS

**Technical progress
needs raw materials**



SMALL WIND TURBINES

Low capacity, large effect

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Silicon in plenty, some metals scarce

The focus of the public eye concentrates on the technical developments and spectacular concepts of photovoltaics. On the other hand, technical progress is meaningless if decisive raw materials are missing.

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Small turbines with big potential

The market for small wind turbines is characterised by a vast number of manufacturers and products. This puts the focus all the more on quality issues. SUN & WIND ENERGY provides its readers with an overview.

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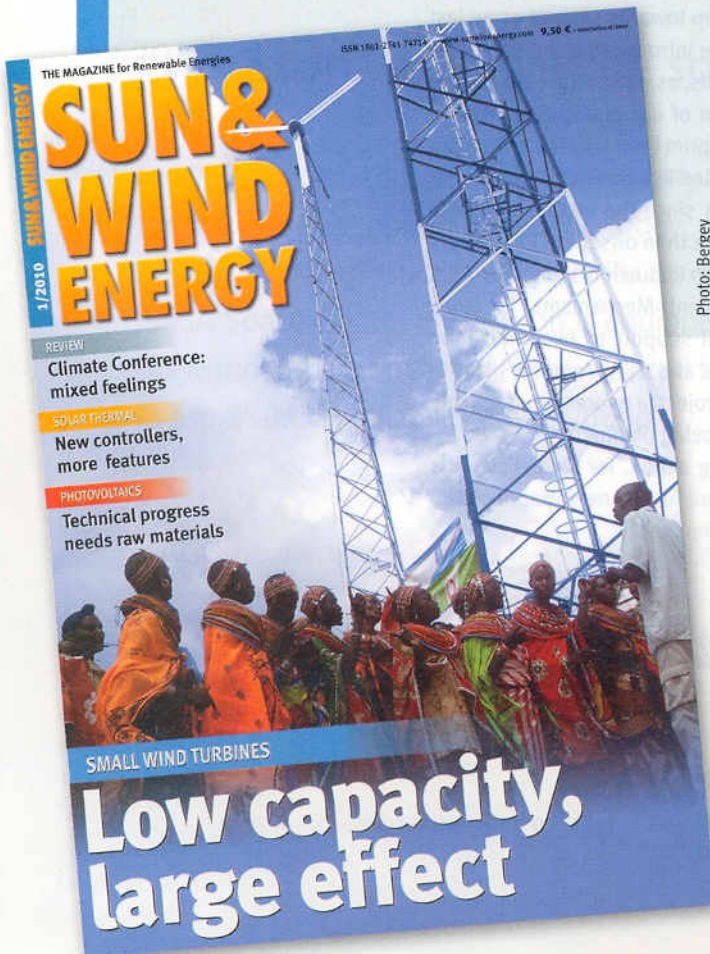


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Country Special Spain: between confidence and standstill

Slow macroeconomic development and the introduction of new legislative initiatives have provoked a dark mood in Spain's renewable energy sector and brought a lot of reservation. But the majority of industry players is meanwhile regaining confidence.

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Controllers: more than solar

Solar controller manufacturers have once again been hard at work developing new products this year. The focus was on system controllers that regulate not only complex solar equipment, but also heating circuits, boilers and domestic hot water distribution in multifamily dwellings.

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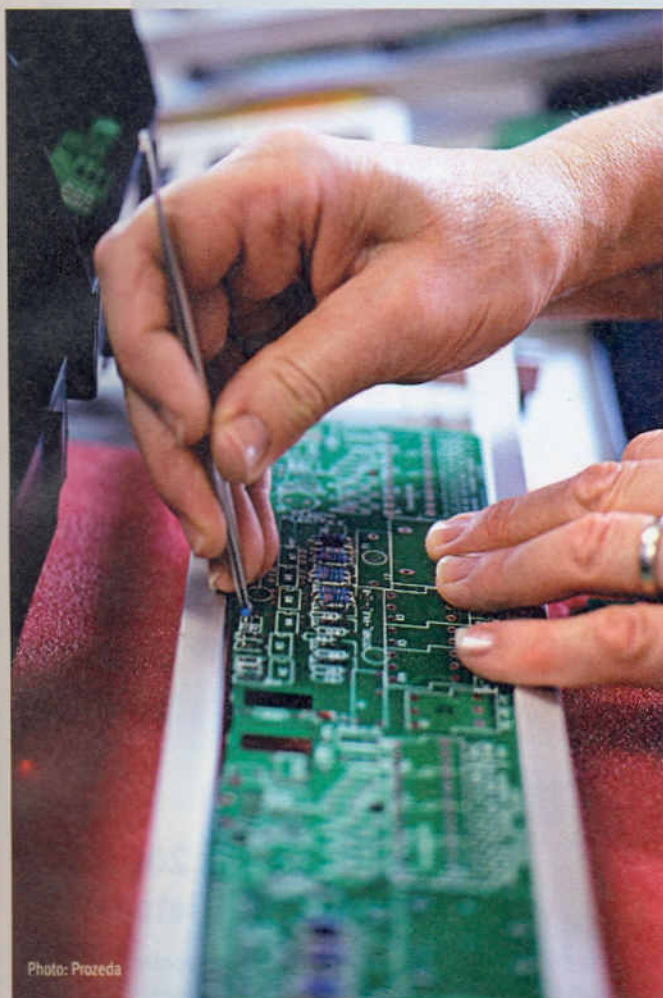


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Green energy for the Golden State

The US and the Californian government encourage companies to use waste and waste water for biogas production. Electricity and ethanol from waste are getting popular in the Golden State.

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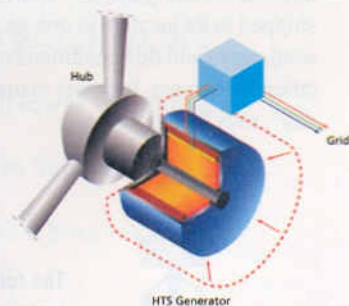
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Ice-cold physics

High-temperature superconductors (HTS) are well on the way to revolutionizing wind and water power utilization. The ultra-thin wires conduct electricity entirely resistance-free and with no heat losses. In comparison to copper, they are as light as a feather.

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