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## **CONTINENTAL BUILDING PRODUCTS AND ENTERSOLAR CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY SOLAR INSTALLATION**

### ***Buchanan Community Solar Project is Largest In Con Edison Utility System***

**BUCHANAN, NY** (June 10, 2019) Continental Building Products, a North American manufacturer of gypsum drywall and complementary finishing products, and EnterSolar, a leading national provider of solar solutions to commercial enterprises, today commemorated the completion of a 2.4 Megawatt solar installation on Continental's Buchanan manufacturing facility along the Hudson River in Westchester County, New York. The rooftop community solar system ranks among the largest in New York State, is the largest in the Con Edison utility system, and was made possible, in part, through funding from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY-Sun Initiative.

State and local legislators, NYSERDA and Con Edison executives, and local business leaders joined Continental, EnterSolar, and its partner Tri-State Solar Alliance, to unveil this notable installation.

"Building a system of this scale was not something we entered into lightly. In addition to recognizing financial benefit from the system, it was important to us to give back to the community and our environment. By utilizing community solar, we developed a system that would not only reduce the demand on the grid, but would be shared by our neighbors as well," said Jay Bachmann, president and CEO of Continental.

In an effort to share the benefits of the solar power system more broadly with the Westchester community, Continental structured the project as a "community solar" project. Community solar, or shared solar, refers to a centrally located solar facility that enables residential households, within a defined geographic area, to share in the energy produced from a green, sustainable source. By hosting the Continental Buchanan Community Solar project on its rooftop, Continental will help participating Westchester households, including many of its own employees, access the energy produced by the solar panels and receive credits toward their monthly electric bills.

This project received over \$1.4 million from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) through NY-Sun, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's \$1 billion NY-Sun initiative to advance the scale-up of solar and move New York State closer to having a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry. Since 2011, solar in New York State has increased more than 1,500 percent and leveraged nearly \$3.5 billion in private investments, making it one of the fastest growing solar markets in the nation. NY-Sun projects help support Governor Cuomo's nation-leading Green New Deal which calls for 70 percent of the state's electricity to come from renewable resources by 2030.

"Congratulations to Continental Building Products and EnterSolar on the completion of their community solar project, which is becoming an increasingly popular option for New York residents and businesses

that are unable to install solar on their property or rooftop,” said **Alicia Barton, President and CEO, NYSERDA**. “I commend Buchanan community for taking part in solar projects like this to support locally-produced renewable energy and help reduce emissions in support of Governor Cuomo’s nation-leading clean energy goals.”

“We congratulate and commend Continental Buildings Products and EnterSolar for moving New York closer to our clean energy future,” said Matthew Ketschke, Con Edison’s senior vice president for Customer Energy Solutions. “This project makes it easier for our customers to get the economic benefits of solar power and will help the state meet its environmental goals, which Con Edison supports. It is an example of how technology and vision are leading us into an era of lower carbon emissions and better quality of life.”

New York-headquartered EnterSolar worked with Continental from end to end on the project, including financing structures, engineering, installation and project management.

“EnterSolar develops solar projects nationwide, and for commercial enterprises of all sizes. It is particularly gratifying when we can develop a community solar system of this magnitude in our own region. This project optimizes large-scale commercial solar while affording direct and tangible benefits to Continental’s neighbors and employees in their own homes as well. It’s a win-win.” said Paul Ahern, president, EnterSolar.

#### **About Continental Building Products**

Continental Building Products is a leading North American manufacturer of gypsum drywall and complementary finishing products. The company is headquartered in Herndon, Virginia with operations serving the residential, commercial and repair and remodel construction markets primarily in the eastern United States and eastern Canada. Continental has been present in Westchester County since 2013, when it purchased the plant from Lafarge Gypsum. The manufacturer employs 110 people at the facility, which has been in operation since 1968. The company uses 99% recycled materials in all its drywall products, contributing to sustainable building practices. For additional information, please visit [www.continental-bp.com](http://www.continental-bp.com).

#### **About EnterSolar**

EnterSolar is a leading national developer of solar photovoltaic solutions to the commercial marketplace. The Company works with corporate enterprises to deliver solar energy projects with compelling, long-term ROI. Expert in the dynamic legislative environment, EnterSolar provides clients with real-time guidance to leverage tax credits and other financial incentives at federal, state and utility levels. EnterSolar’s clients include multi-national retailers, REITS, global manufacturers and distributors. EnterSolar is headquartered in New York City with offices throughout the U.S. Solar Power World ranked EnterSolar the leading (#1) solar developer in New York State and in the top 10 nationally. EnterSolar is a strategic partner of EDF Renewables, a subsidiary of EDF Energies Nouvelles, the dedicated renewable energy affiliate of the French utility, EDF Group. For more information, visit EnterSolar at [www.entersolar.com](http://www.entersolar.com).

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