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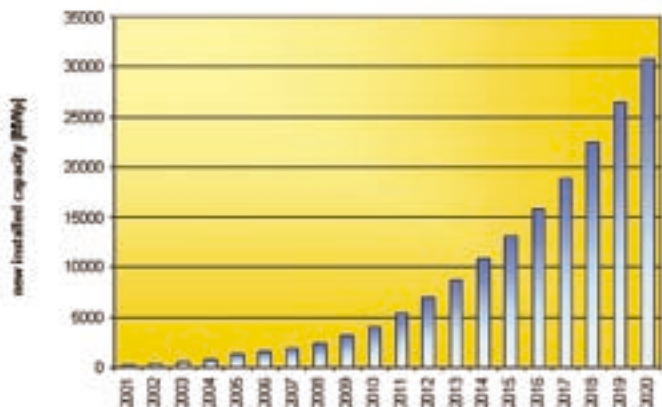
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You may have heard the statement
"Solar photovoltaics has no economic impact."

The fact is: In 2006 worldwide more than 50.000 employees found good jobs in the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Industry making about 10 billion euros turnover. Many more new jobs in this high-tech industry with excellent future are being created by the PV Industry right now.

Future Growth of the Global PV Solar Electricity Market



Source: Sarasin Bank [2006]

The high-tech PV industry presently invests heavily in new production capacities worldwide and facilities are heading from the MW towards the GW scale. Supported by various analyses in the financial sector, solar PV is recognized as a promising business sector by the investment community.

"The German EEG created a positive framework for investments in the PV Solar Industry. Due to this, thousands of new jobs were created"

Gerhard Stryi-Hipp
Managing Director of the
German PV Business Association
Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft (BSW)



Solar PV is one of the fastest growing industries with average growth rates over 35% p.a. over the past 10 years. Assuming a conservative future market growth of 25 % p.a., in 2030 the worldwide PV business will have surpassed the semiconductor industry with a volume of 175 billion euros.



Source: SCHOTT Solar

Therefore the correct statement is:
"PV solar electricity is a strategic business area with very high growth potential."



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