

**News report**

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**Scheuten and the ECN research institute in Petten, the ISC research institute of Konstanz (Germany), Solland Solar, Econcern and Rena Sondermaschinen have signed a declaration of intent covering the joint establishment of the new FESTpv research institute.**

The acronym FESTpv stands for Front-End Silicon Technology for Photovoltaics and the aim is to develop cheaper solar cells by improving the material quality of and production process for silicon, the principal component of solar cells.

The research centre, which is planned to open in the spring of 2009, will be located on the cross-border Avantis industrial site and will provide jobs for 30 people.

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