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Andalay Solar Awarded Korean Patent on its Mounting System Technology

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 16, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Andalay Solar (OTCQB: WEST), a leading supplier of integrated solar power systems, is proud to confirm that the Korean Patent Office has issued Andalay its first Korean patent in recognition of the company's unique technology.

Korean Patent No. 10-1497298 was issued on February 24, 2015. It covers the Andalay Solar module frames, specifically its unique method for installing solar panels using Andalay's Instant Connect, plug-and-play wiring technology. Some of the patented attributes of the integrated solar system identified in the Korean patent include:

- Providing an aesthetically pleasing solar system
- A module frame that substitutes for a rail that would otherwise need to have been installed on the roof
- Threaded splices that both connect the solar modules as well as provide for mechanical rigidity and electrical grounding
- Minimal amount of parts to promote easier solar installation
- Integrated wire management to enable easier and safer installations as well as minimize future electrical issues

While the majority of the Andalay systems have been sold within the United States, Andalay systems have been sold and installed in various regions around the world, including Mexico, the Caribbean, and South America. The international market presents additional opportunities for Andalay which has patents pending in various countries with key rooftop solar markets. South Korea is also where the Andalay compatible modules is expected to be produced by Hyundai Heavy Industries under license by Andalay. The new Hyundai-branded TG-Series solar modules would use 60-cell monocrystalline or polycrystalline technology (255w-280w) with a black Andalay frame.

"We are pleased to have received this patent for our integrated mounting system not only from the US, but also internationally, now from Korea. With this news, Andalay continues to be one of leaders of integrated solar power systems. We are also continuing our goal to make solar system installation easier and faster to install for everyone," said Steven Chan, President and CEO of Andalay Solar.

Andalay Solar products can be found at Amazon.com, Lowe.com, and www.andalaysolar.com.

About Andalay Solar: (OTCQB:WEST)

Founded in 2001, the Company is a designer and manufacturer of integrated solar power systems. The Company has been a pioneer in the concept of integrating the racking, wiring and grounding directly into a solar panel. The company's AC solar panel reduces the number of components for a rooftop solar installation by approximately 80% and lowers labor costs by approximately 50%. This AC panel, which won the 2009 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award, has become the industry's most widely installed AC solar panel. The Company currently sells its new generation of "Instant Connect®" products in both AC and DC format which provide the best combination of installation speed, performance and reliability. For more information on the Company, visit www.andalaysolar.com.

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