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## **Andalay Solar Achieves Class A Fire Rating in Accordance With UL1703/UL2703 for Type 1 Modules on Steep Slope Roof**

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 27, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Andalay Solar (OTCQB: WEST), a leading supplier of solar power modules, integrated racking solutions, and services today announced its Andalay Mounting System successfully passed the Class A fire test in accordance with UL1703/UL2703 for Type 1 modules. The fire rating test was conducted on a steep slope roof with the worst case scenario of a 5" air gap, and without the need of a skirt nor any additional modification.

"We are pleased to have successfully passed the Class A fire rating test for the worst case scenario which is a 5" air gap. This means an installer can raise or lower the array without impacting the fire classification," said Steven Chan, President and CEO of Andalay Solar. "Passing the highest level fire rating adds to Andalay Solar's reputation as the most simple and robust integrated solution in the market."

Effective January 1, 2015, jurisdictions in California have started to implement new fire classification requirements for photovoltaic systems based on the California Building Code and IBC 2012. By successfully passing the Class A fire test and receiving the ETL mark issued by Intertek, Andalay Mounting Systems paired with Type 1 modules (such as the new Hyundai/Andalay solar module) are compliant for use on California steep slope roofs under the new heightened level of fire requirements. The ETL certifications will also be valid outside California as more jurisdictions around America adopt similar PV system fire standards in 2016 and beyond.

Andalay Solar products can be found at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), [Lowe.com](http://Lowe.com), and [www.andalaysolar.com](http://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](http://www.andalaysolar.com).

### **Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements - Safe Harbor**

Statements made in this release that are not historical in nature, including those related to market acceptance of products, constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "expects," "projects," "plans," "will," "may," "can," "anticipates," "believes," "should," "intends," "estimates," and other words of similar meaning. The statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified, and our actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, risks associated with potentially different rating standards in the future, the ability to raise or lower the array without impacting the fire classification, and the reduction of components and labor costs associated with installation of Andalay panels. All forward-looking statements included in this release are made as of the date of this press release, and Andalay Solar assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

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