

## More space for solar energy research: new building planned

# Mastering the energy transition: ISC Konstanz buys land for extension building

**Constance (Germany), Aug. 10, 2023 - The Institute for Solar Energy Research ISC Konstanz e.V. has purchased the neighboring property for the urgently needed extension of its research center. The construction project is to be financed by donations, among other things. Goal: Mastering the energy transition together.**

On June 21, 2023, the purchase was notarized and after the city of Constance also waived its right of first refusal, the new approx. 3,500 sqm property now belongs to ISC Konstanz e.V. "With this, we have reached an important first milestone for our extension building," explains Rudolf Harney, Head of Fundraising at ISC Konstanz. "We are planning for a project duration of two years and have already had initial success in raising donations."

After more than 15 years of intensive use, the research center is in urgent need of renovation. With the extension building on the neighboring property, uninterrupted operation is possible during the relocation and renovation of the existing building. The financing plan for the overall project provides for a budget of 19 million euros. A large part of this is to be secured via the federal and state governments as well as loans. The institute intends to raise its own contribution of 4 million euros through a fundraising campaign. The ISC is also counting on donations of machinery from industry.

Rudolf Harney: "We expect an increased demand for photovoltaic solutions in the coming years. With our expansion and new building, we are creating the place where we can work unhindered on a sunny future. After all, the tasks ahead are urgent: if we as a society want to master the energy transition, we need highly efficient solar cells that we can produce cost-effectively and independently here in Germany - and as quickly as possible."

### **About ISC Konstanz e.V.**

The **International Solar Energy Research Center Konstanz e.V.** (ISC Konstanz) is a research institute for the development of solar cells, solar modules and renewable energy systems. It was founded in 2005 as a non-profit association. The team of more than 60 scientists, engineers and students works together with leading international institutes and companies of the photovoltaic industry on national as well as international research projects.

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Figure 1: The purchase is part of a ring swap: The Constance Yacht Club (KYC), as previous owner, is moving to a nearby property on the former site of Dr.-Kade GmbH. Notarization of the land purchase on June 21, 2023 with the gentlemen involved (from left to right): Dr. Norbert Marquardt (managing director Dr. Kade), Christian Rau, Stefan Basel, Dr. Thomas Hannemann (board members Konstanzer YachtClub), Dr. Kristian Peter (board member ISC Konstanz). © ISC Konstanz e.V.



Figure 2: Architectural sketch of the laboratory building and site plan of the current laboratory and the two planned construction phases for the new building © ISC Konstanz e.V.