

Cutting Costs Will Be Imperative for PV Enterprises as They Face Falling Prices in 2017, Says TrendForce

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EnergyTrend, a division of [TrendForce](#), estimates that the total PV demand worldwide for 2016 will reach 69.5GW. The installation rush in China during the year's first half and significant market growth in the U.S. and India have been driving this year's demand.

Weakening demand in major markets will cause profits to fall in all sections of the supply chain next year

Production capacity growth in Southeast Asia will narrow price gaps among markets worldwide

Industry outlook for 2017 finds PERC supply to expand significantly and global market share of mono-Si products to exceed 32%

Multi-Si product suppliers will have to rely on diamond-wire wafer slicing to lower cost and reduce the impact of declining prices

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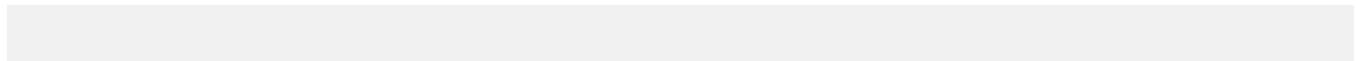
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