

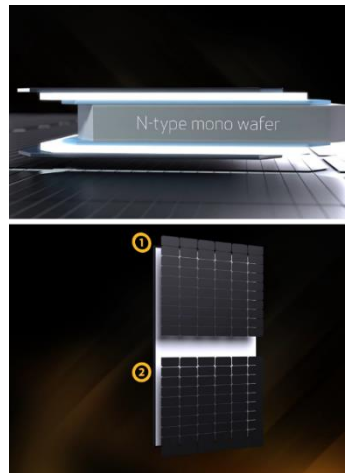
## US ITC: Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) finds no infringement of Hanwha Q-Cells' patent by REC Group

**San Mateo, CA, U.S., April 14, 2020** – On April 10, 2020, the US International Trade Commission (ITC) Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Initial Determination (Order No. 40) finding that REC Group's accused solar cells do not infringe the asserted claims of Hanwha Q-Cells' '215 patent. The ALJ's Initial Determination further confirmed that REC's N-Peak and Alpha solar cell technologies do not infringe the asserted claims of the '215 patent and would **not** be subject to any exclusion order sought by Hanwha Q-Cells. If Hanwha petitions for review of the ALJ's Initial Determination, the Commission has until May 27, 2020 to determine whether it will grant review.

According to Steve O'Neil, CEO at the pioneering solar energy company, headquartered in Norway, "The order is a testament to REC's confidence that Hanwha Q-Cells' claims against REC are and have always been without merit."



REC Alpha Series reaching 380Wp (60-cell version), and 450Wp (72-cell version)



REC Alpha Series incorporates advanced cell technology, packed into a patented panel design



First REC Alpha panels rolling off the lines at REC Group's manufacturing site in Singapore; [the world's first REC Alpha installation](#) empowering homeowners

"REC is committed to remaining 'Solar's Most Trusted'. For more than 23 years, REC has been empowering homeowners, businesses, and communities around the world with clean and affordable solar energy via our inhouse invented, high-efficiency products. We will continue with that mission, even during these uncertain times surrounding COVID-19. With our broad precautionary measures, we are able to continue production ramp up of our most recent innovation, the REC Alpha Series. Our customers and partners can rely on us to bring new and exciting pioneering technology to the market to support the global energy transitions," O'Neil said.

In October 2019, [REC started production of its 60-cell REC Alpha panel](#) at an annual capacity of 600 MW. Combining innovative heterojunction cell technology with advanced interconnection technology and a patented panel design, the REC Alpha provides a significant power density of 217W/m<sup>2</sup>. In May 2020, REC is kicking off the production of the Alpha 72-cell version. REC's Alpha solar panels are perfectly suited for the rooftop segment and ground mount installations with space restrictions where system costs can be greatly compressed thanks to its high-power; helping to provide greater energy autonomy and combat climate change.

**For further information please contact:**

Agnieszka Schulze  
Head of Global PR, REC Group  
Tel.: +49 89 54 04 67 225  
E-mail: [agnieszka.schulze@recgroup.com](mailto:agnieszka.schulze@recgroup.com)

REC Solar EMEA GmbH  
Leopoldstraße 175  
80804 Munich, Germany  
Managing Director: Cemil Seber  
Court of Registration: Munich HRB 180306  
VAT ID-No: DE266243545

High-resolution pictures available for download in [REC's Image Gallery](#).

**About REC Group:**

REC Group is an international pioneering solar energy company dedicated to empowering consumers with clean, affordable solar power in order to facilitate global energy transitions. Committed to quality and innovation, REC offers photovoltaic modules with leading high quality, backed by an exceptional low warranty claims rate of less than 100ppm. Founded in Norway in 1996, REC employs 2,000 people and has an annual solar panel capacity of 1.8 GW. With over 10 GW installed worldwide, REC is empowering more than 16 million people with clean solar energy. REC Group is a Bluestar Elkem company with headquarters in Norway, operational headquarters in Singapore, and regional bases in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific.

Find out more at [recgroup.com](http://recgroup.com) and on    