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# Meyer Burger Project Teaser: “INDIUM” – Scaling PV Manufacturing

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# Who we are: Meyer Burger – almost 70 years of experience, including 40 years in PV

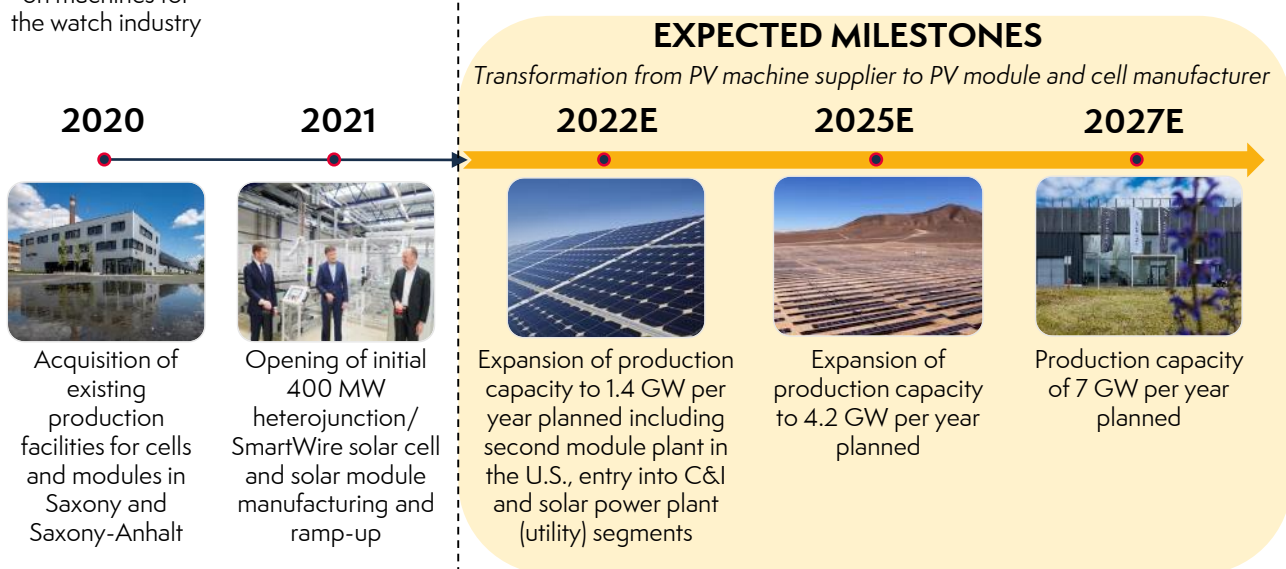
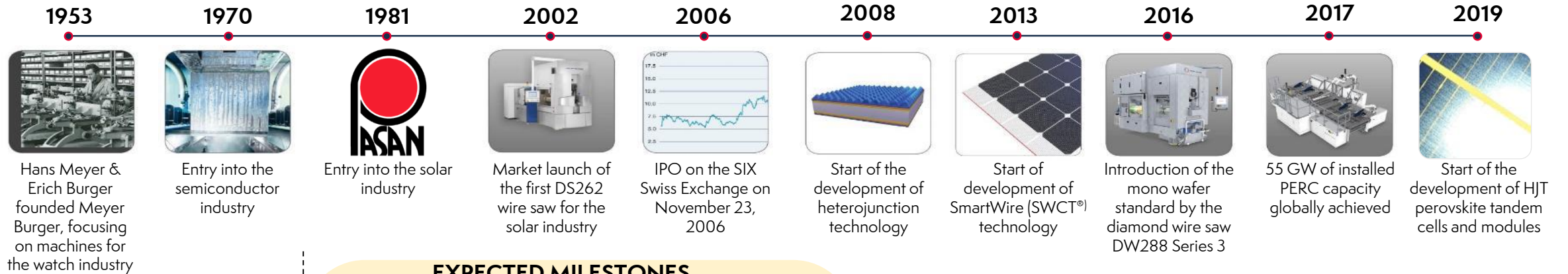
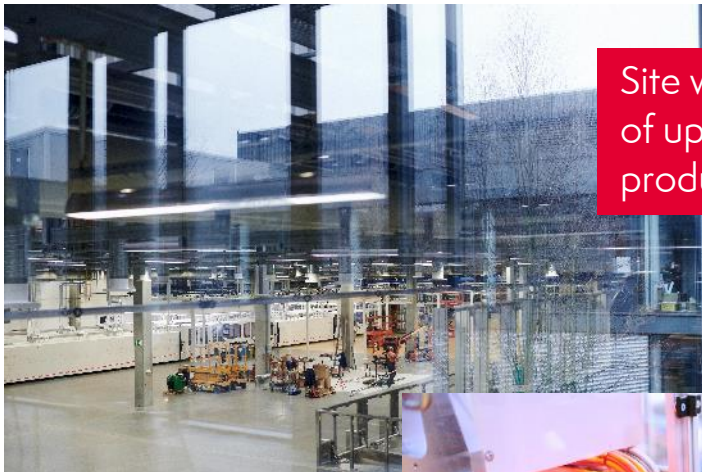


Photo: Grand opening ceremony solar cell factory Thalheim, May 18, 2021 with Saxony-Anhalt Prime Minister Dr. Haseloff (left), MBTN CEO Gunter Erfurt and Saxony-Anhalt Minister Prof. Armin Willingmann

# Where we are: 2 scalable highly modern PV-Production plants in Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt

## Cell Production – Thalheim (Bitterfeld-Wolfen)



Site with expansion potential of up to ~ 7 GW annual cell production



27.000 m<sup>2</sup> of a former cell production

## Module Production – Freiberg



Europe's largest solar module factory with 1 GW annual capacity

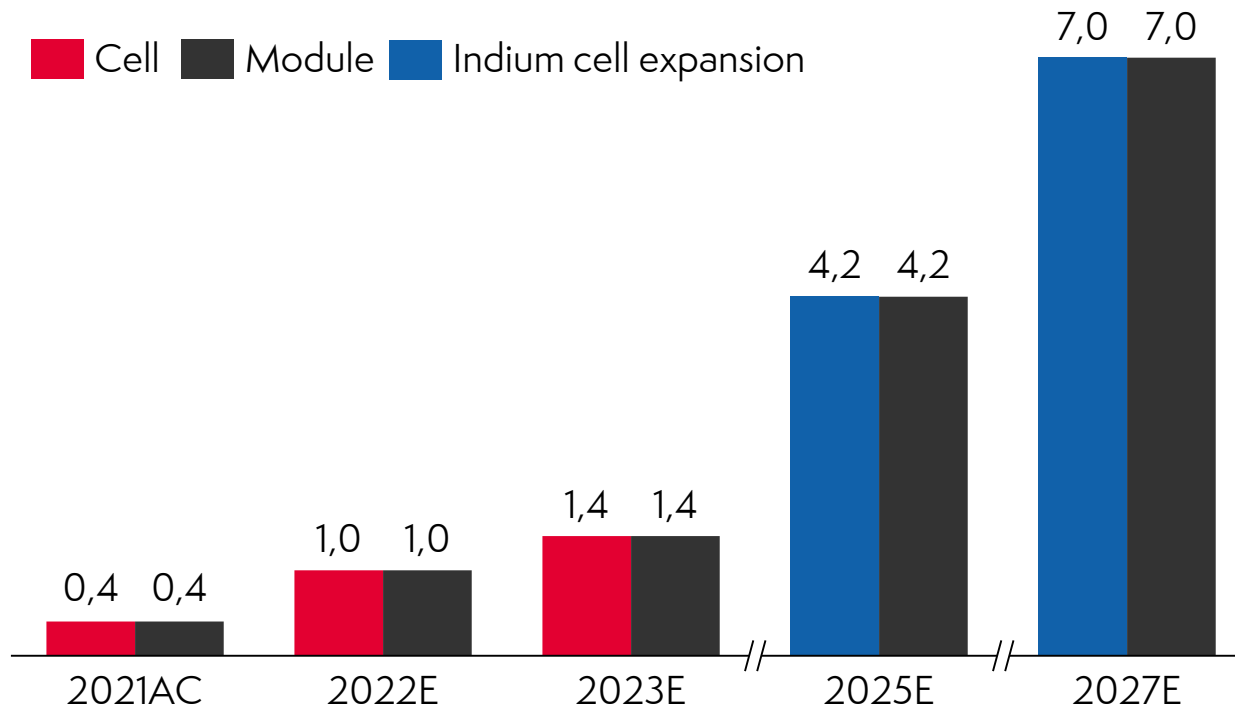
33.000 m<sup>2</sup> including highly modern logistics and distribution center



# Where we want to go: Following the successful build-up of our 0.4 GW capacity, we are scaling to multi-gigawatt level

## Cell and module production

Meyer Burger planned production capacity, year-end [GW]



## Manufacturing roadmap:

- 2023:
  - 1.4 GW p.a. cell production in Thalheim
  - 1.4 GW p.a. module production in Freiberg
- 2024: Start of Project "INDIUM"
- 2025: Ramp up of additional 2,8 GW p.a. capacity
- 2026: Entry in operation (Part 1)
- 2027: Ramp up of further 2,8 GW p.a. capacity
- 2028: Entry in operation (Part 2)

Source: Meyer Burger business plan (April 2022)

# Quick facts of cell expansion programm

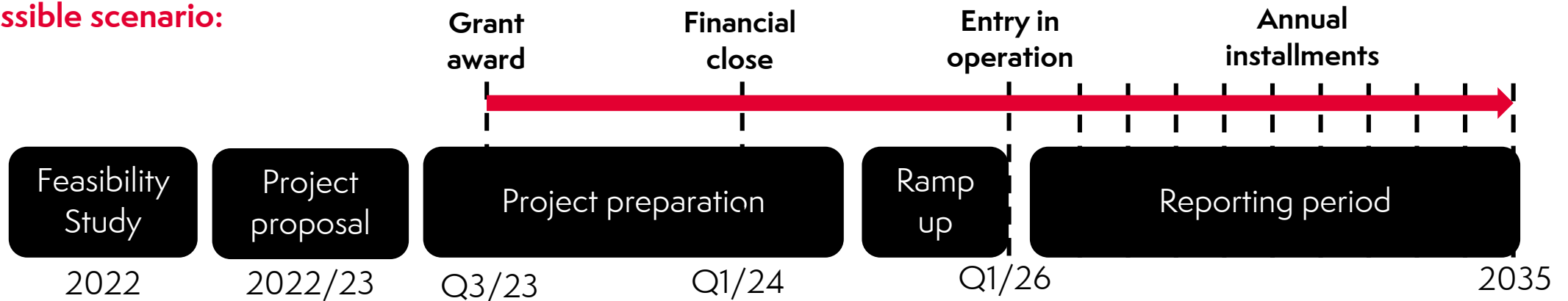
## Project overview:

- **Technological pathway:** Renewable energy
- **Topic:** Scaling solar cell manufacturing
- **Required CAPEX:** ~ EUR 1.1B
- **Requested grants:** ~ EUR 200M
- **Sites:** land/sites for cell expansion secured; module fab locations TBD in Europe

## GHG emission avoidance calculation:

- **Energy:** 5.6 GW p.a. → 462 TWh in 10 years operation (linear increment per year)
- **Expectation for MB modules:** 20 kg CO<sub>2</sub><sub>eq</sub>/kWh
- **German energy mix in 2021:** 420 kg CO<sub>2</sub><sub>eq</sub>/kWh
- **Savings:** ~185 million tons CO<sub>2</sub><sub>eq</sub> emissions in 10 years if all modules sold and in installed

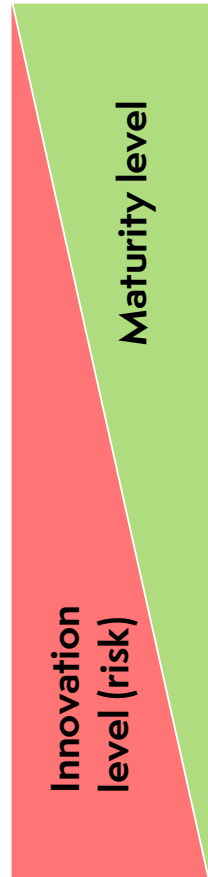
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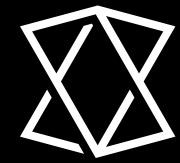


# Challenges for the project proposal

## What is the right innovation grade for INDIUM?:

- Ultra-low temperature coefficient
- Completely lead free (green modules)
- Bifaciality coefficient  $\geq 90\%$
- M10 (182 x 182mm<sup>2</sup>) solar cells
- Ultra-thin wafers: 110 $\mu$ m
- Annual degradation of 0.2%
- High-throughput equipment & processes
- Indium & silver free modules
- IBC technology (4% more power)
- Tandem applications





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