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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

PLAINTIFF, Individually and On Behalf of
All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

SUNPOWER CORPORATION, THOMAS
H. WERNER, and CHARLES D.
BOYNTON,

Defendants.

Case No.:

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL
SECURITIES LAWS**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

1 Plaintiff _____ (“Plaintiff”), by and through his attorneys, alleges the
2 following upon information and belief, except as to those allegations concerning Plaintiff, which
3 are alleged upon personal knowledge. Plaintiff’s information and belief is based upon, among
4 other things, his counsel’s investigation, which includes without limitation: (a) review and
5 analysis of regulatory filings made by SunPower Corporation (“SunPower” or the “Company”),
6 with the United States (“U.S.”) Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”); (b) review and
7 analysis of press releases and media reports issued by and disseminated by SunPower; and (c)
8 review of other publicly available information concerning SunPower.

9 **NATURE OF THE ACTION AND OVERVIEW**

10 1. This is a class action on behalf of persons and entities that acquired SunPower
11 securities between February 17, 2016, and August 9, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”),
12 against the Defendants,¹ seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
13 (the “Exchange Act”).

14 2. SunPower is an energy company that delivers solar solutions to residential,
15 commercial, and power plant customers. The Company’s offerings purportedly include: solar
16 module technology and solar power systems that are designed to generate electricity over a
17 system life typically exceeding 25 years; integrated Smart Energy software solutions;
18 installation, construction, and ongoing maintenance, and monitoring services; and financing
19 solutions that provide customers a variety of options for purchasing or leasing solar products.

20 3. On August 9, 2016, SunPower issued a press release announcing its second
21 quarter 2016 financial results. Therein, the Company disclosed the existence of several factors
22 negatively impacting the Company’s performance, including “customers adopting a longer-term
23 timeline for project completion,” “aggressive [Power Purchase Agreement (“PPA”)] pricing by
24 new market entrants,” and “continued market disruption in the YieldCo environment.” The
25 Company also announced a manufacturing realignment which the Company stated would result
26 in restructuring charges totaling \$30-\$45 million, a substantial portion of which would be

27 ¹ “Defendants” refers collectively to SunPower, Thomas H. Werner, and Charles D. Boynton.
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1 incurred in the third quarter of 2016. Finally, the Company disclosed that, as a result of these
2 “challenges,” it was substantially decreasing its fiscal year 2016 guidance—expecting a net loss
3 of \$175 million to \$125 million, rather than the earlier-forecasted net income of \$0 to \$50
4 million.

5 4. On this news, SunPower’s stock price fell \$4.47 per share, or 30%, to close at
6 \$10.31 per share on August 10, 2016, on unusually heavy trading volume.

7 5. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants made materially false and/or misleading
8 statements, as well as failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company’s business,
9 operations, and prospects. Specifically, Defendants made false and/or misleading statements
10 and/or failed to disclose: (1) that a substantial number of the Company’s customers were
11 adopting a longer-term timeline for project completion; (2) that the Company’s near-term
12 economic returns were deteriorating due to aggressive PPA pricing by new market entrants; (3)
13 that market disruption in the YieldCo environment was impacting the Company’s assumptions
14 related to monetizing deferred profits; (4) that, as such, demand for the Company’s products was
15 significantly declining; (5) that, in response, the Company would implement a manufacturing
16 realignment that would result in significant restructuring charges; (6) that, as such, the
17 Company’s fiscal year 2016 guidance was overstated; and (7) that, as a result of the foregoing,
18 Defendants’ statements about SunPower’s business, operations, and prospects, were false and
19 misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

20 6. As a result of Defendants’ wrongful acts and omissions, and the precipitous
21 decline in the market value of the Company’s securities, Plaintiff and other Class members have
22 suffered significant losses and damages.

23 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

24 7. The claims asserted herein arise under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange
25 Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17
26 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5).

27 8. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28

1 U.S.C. § 1331 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa).

2 9. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and
3 Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa(c)). Substantial acts in furtherance of the
4 alleged fraud or the effects of the fraud have occurred in this Judicial District. Many of the acts
5 charged herein, including the dissemination of materially false and/or misleading information,
6 occurred in substantial part in this Judicial District. In addition, SunPower’s principal executive
7 offices are located within this Judicial District.

8 10. In connection with the acts, transactions, and conduct alleged herein, Defendants
9 directly and indirectly used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including the
10 United States mail, interstate telephone communications, and the facilities of a national securities
11 exchange.

12 **PARTIES**

13 11. Plaintiff _____, as set forth in the accompanying certification,
14 incorporated by reference herein, purchased SunPower securities during the Class Period, and
15 suffered damages as a result of the federal securities law violations and false and/or misleading
16 statements and/or material omissions alleged herein.

17 12. Defendant SunPower is a Delaware corporation with its principal executive
18 offices located at 77 Rio Robles, San Jose, California 95134. SunPower’s common stock trades
19 on the NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”) under the symbol “SPWR.”

20 13. Defendant Thomas H. Werner (“Werner”) was, at all relevant times, the
21 President, Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), and a Director of SunPower.

22 14. Defendant Charles D. Boynton (“Boynton”) was, at all relevant times, Executive
23 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) of SunPower.

24 15. Defendants Werner and Boynton are collectively referred to hereinafter as the
25 “Individual Defendants.” The Individual Defendants, because of their positions with the
26 Company, possessed the power and authority to control the contents of SunPower’s reports to the
27 SEC, press releases and presentations to securities analysts, money and portfolio managers and
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1 institutional investors, *i.e.*, the market. Each defendant was provided with copies of the
2 Company's reports and press releases alleged herein to be misleading prior to, or shortly after,
3 their issuance and had the ability and opportunity to prevent their issuance or cause them to be
4 corrected. Because of their positions and access to material non-public information available to
5 them, each of these defendants knew that the adverse facts specified herein had not been
6 disclosed to, and were being concealed from, the public, and that the positive representations
7 which were being made were then materially false and/or misleading. The Individual
8 Defendants are liable for the false statements pleaded herein, as those statements were each
9 "group-published" information, the result of the collective actions of the Individual Defendants.

10 **SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

11 **Background**

12 16. SunPower is an energy company that delivers solar solutions to residential,
13 commercial, and power plant customers. The Company's offerings purportedly include: solar
14 module technology and solar power systems that are designed to generate electricity over a
15 system life typically exceeding 25 years; integrated Smart Energy software solutions;
16 installation, construction, and ongoing maintenance, and monitoring services; and financing
17 solutions that provide customers a variety of options for purchasing or leasing solar products.

18 **Materially False and Misleading** 19 **Statements Issued During the Class Period**

20 17. The Class Period begins on February 17, 2016. On that day, SunPower issued a
21 press release entitled, "SunPower Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2015 Results."
22 Therein, the Company, in relevant part, stated:

23 **SAN JOSE, Calif., February 17, 2016** - SunPower Corp. (NASDAQ: SPWR)
24 today announced financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended Jan.
25 3, 2016.
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(\$ Millions, except percentages and per-share data)	4th Quarter 2015	3rd Quarter 2015	4th Quarter 2014
GAAP revenue	\$374.4	\$380.2	\$1,164.2
GAAP gross margin	5.4%	16.5%	22.3%
GAAP net income (loss)	\$(127.6)	\$(56.3)	\$134.7
GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share	\$(0.93)	\$(0.41)	\$0.83
Non-GAAP revenue ¹	\$1,363.9	\$441.4	\$609.7
Non-GAAP gross margin ¹	28.8%	17.7%	20.4%
Non-GAAP net income ¹	\$270.4	\$20.5	\$39.4
Non-GAAP net income per diluted share ¹	\$1.73	\$0.13	\$0.26
EBITDA ¹	\$379.9	\$54.2	\$84.9

¹ Information about SunPower's use of non-GAAP financial information is provided under "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

"2015 was a transformational year for the solar industry as increasing demand, favorable policy developments and broad global support for renewables created strong industry growth fundamentals. SunPower benefited from these trends as we exceeded our forecasts and closed out the year with record fourth quarter and full year non-GAAP 2015 results. During the year, we executed on our technology roadmaps, added new products and launched our joint YieldCo vehicle 8point3 Energy Partners. We are well positioned to capitalize on the continued growing adoption of solar in North America as well as key international markets such as China and Latin America. We also expanded our global power plant footprint while completing the world's largest solar power plant, located in California. In distributed generation, we made further investments in Smart Energy and launched a range of complete customer solutions for the commercial market that will significantly reduce cost while improving performance," said Tom Werner, SunPower president and CEO. "Upstream, we again delivered record output and yield while ramping our new Fab 4 cell manufacturing facility for volume production in 2016. We made strong progress on our cost reduction roadmaps and in the fourth quarter announced the launch of our new lower cost, high efficiency Performance Series product line which enhances our ability to rapidly expand SunPower's global footprint with significantly lower capital cost.

"In the power plant segment for the fourth quarter, we successfully met our project commitments, added to our pipeline and further built out our U.S. HoldCo asset base, improving visibility for drop downs to 8point3 Energy Partners in 2016. Specifically, our 135-megawatt (MW) Quinto project achieved commercial operation during the quarter and is now generating energy for 8point3 Energy Partners. Our quarterly power plant segment results benefited from strong Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) execution as our 50-MW Hooper project for Xcel was completed a quarter ahead of schedule. We also commenced construction on our 100-MW project for NV Energy in Nevada and recently dedicated our second 15-MW project at Nellis Air Force base. Going forward, we see significant upside opportunity in the U.S. power plant market as the recent extension of the U.S. federal solar investment tax credit (ITC) provides

1 a sustainable, long term market structure to support further growth.
2 Internationally, we continue to expand our footprint into new markets and
3 recently announced our first project in Mexico, a 36-MW project for Aeropuertos
4 Del Sureste (ASUR), a leading airport operator in the country. This power
5 purchase agreement (PPA) is one of the first significant solar PPAs in Mexico and
6 extends our position as a leader in international solar development. Construction
7 of this project will begin this year and is expected to be completed in 2017.

8 “We also executed well in our residential business. In North America, our
9 performance was solid as our fourth quarter results exceeded plan, we gained
10 market share and broadened our leasing footprint as megawatt installed growth
11 exceeded 45 percent year over year. Additionally, based on our fourth quarter
12 bookings, we expect continued strong residential demand in 2016. Finally, we
13 also expanded our utility partnership strategy during the quarter as we announced
14 an innovative agreement with TXU Energy to bring SunPower solar solutions to
15 the Texas market.

16 In our commercial segment, we are well positioned for 2016, having added
17 projects to our backlog and building our pipeline to over \$1 billion. As we
18 announced during the quarter, we launched our Helix platform, the world’s first
19 fully-integrated solar solution for commercial customers. Designed for the
20 rooftop, carport and commercial ground-mount markets, Helix delivers
21 significantly lower costs and improved reliability while reducing installation
22 times. We are currently shipping our first systems, and interest from both new and
23 existing customers is significant. Finally, we were pleased to announce that we
24 recently completed our first commercial project drop down to 8point3 Energy
25 Partners. This 20-MW project for Kern County School District consists of 27
26 carports at various locations across the district and will be constructed in three
27 phases with completion scheduled before the end of 2016,” Werner concluded.

28 “Solid execution across all segments, along with the ability to leverage our
development capabilities, enabled us to post record results for the fourth quarter
and 2015 fiscal year,” said Chuck Boynton, SunPower CFO. “Our balance sheet
remains strong as we successfully executed a new convertible bond offering and
recently renewed our revolver including increasing its size to \$300 million. With
an approximately \$1 billion cash position and our undrawn revolver, we have the
resources we need to continue our long term growth initiatives. Finally, we
prudently managed our working capital during the quarter as we improved our
performance in a number of key cash metrics while adding assets to our HoldCo
base.”

Fourth quarter and fiscal year 2015 GAAP and non-GAAP results reflect a charge
of \$33 million, or approximately 20 cents on a non-GAAP basis, related to the
contracted sale, at current market based rates, of above market priced polysilicon
acquired through a long term supply agreement.

1 Additionally, fourth quarter fiscal 2015 non-GAAP results include net
2 adjustments that, in the aggregate, increased non-GAAP net income by \$398.0
3 million, including \$394.1 million related to 8point3 Energy Partners, \$13.1
4 million related to utility and power plant projects, \$2.0 million related to sale of
5 operating lease assets, \$16.5 million related to stock-based compensation expense,
6 \$1.7 million related to the 8point3 Energy Partners initial public offering, and
7 \$3.3 million related to other adjustments, offset by \$32.7 million related to tax
8 effect.

9 **Financial Outlook**

10 Given strong global demand as well as a favorable policy environment, the
11 company remains very confident that it can achieve its long term strategic and
12 financial goals by leveraging its flexible business model to drive sustainable
13 growth. With the recent extension of the ITC, the company anticipates increasing
14 its investment in the United States while maintaining its global go-to-market
15 focus.

16 The company's fourth quarter financial results reflected a shift of approximately
17 \$65 million in EBITDA originally forecasted to be recognized in fiscal year 2016.
18 This shift was primarily due to earlier than forecasted project completions in
19 power plants, accelerated recognition of residential leases and earlier than
20 anticipated benefits related to 8point3 Energy Partners. As a result of this
21 approximately \$65 million EBITDA shift, the company now expects 2016
22 EBITDA to be in the range of \$450 million to \$500 million compared to previous
23 guidance of \$515 million to \$565 million. For 2017, the company believes that
24 with the ITC extension, further investment in the U.S. market and a strong global
25 project pipeline, it is well positioned to sustainably grow its EBITDA.

26 For fiscal year 2016, the company's non-GAAP expectations are as follows:
27 revenue of \$3.2 billion to \$3.4 billion, gross margin of 14 percent to 16 percent,
28 capital expenditures of \$210 million to \$240 million and gigawatts deployed in
the range of 1.7 GW to 2.0 GW. On a GAAP basis, the company expects 2016
revenue of \$2.2 billion to \$2.4 billion, gross margin of 17 percent to 19 percent
and net income of \$0 million to \$50 million. Fiscal year 2016 GAAP guidance
includes the impact of the company's HoldCo strategy and deferrals due to real
estate accounting.

The company's first quarter fiscal 2016 non-GAAP guidance is as follows:
revenue of \$290 million to \$340 million, gross margin of 12 percent to 13 percent,
EBITDA of \$0 to \$25 million and megawatts deployed in the range of 315 MW to
340 MW. On a GAAP basis, the company expects revenue of \$280 million to
\$330 million, gross margin of 11 percent to 12 percent and net loss of \$115
million to \$90 million. First quarter 2016 GAAP guidance includes the impact of
the company's HoldCo strategy and deferrals due to real estate accounting.

18. On February 19, 2016, SunPower filed its Annual Report with the SEC on Form

1 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 2016. The Company's Form 10-K was signed by
2 Defendant Boynton, and reaffirmed the Company's financial results announced in the press
3 release issued on February 17, 2016.

4 19. On May 5, 2016, the Company issued a press release entitled "SunPower Reports
5 First Quarter 2016 Results." Therein, the Company, in relevant part, stated:

6 **SAN JOSE, Calif., May 5, 2016** - SunPower Corp. (NASDAQ: SPWR) today
7 announced financial results for its first fiscal quarter ended Apr. 3, 2016.

8 (\$ Millions, except percentages and per- share data)	1st Quarter 2016	4th Quarter 2015	1st Quarter 2015
9 GAAP revenue	\$384.9	\$374.4	\$440.9
10 GAAP gross margin	13.4%	5.4%	20.6%
11 GAAP net loss	\$(85.4)	\$(127.6)	\$(9.6)
12 GAAP net loss per diluted share	\$(0.62)	\$(0.93)	\$(0.07)
13 Non-GAAP revenue ¹	\$433.6	\$1,363.9	\$430.6
14 Non-GAAP gross margin ¹	13.6%	28.8%	20.5%
15 Non-GAAP net income (loss) ¹	\$(41.2)	\$270.4	\$19.7
16 Non-GAAP net income (loss) per diluted share ¹	\$(0.30)	\$1.73	\$0.13
17 EBITDA ¹	\$6.3	\$379.9	\$58.8

18 ¹ Information about SunPower's use of non-GAAP financial information, including a reconciliation to
19 U.S. GAAP, is provided under "Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

20 "Our first quarter results reflect solid execution against our long term strategy,"
21 said Tom Werner, SunPower president and CEO. "With the recent launch of our
22 Helix™ and SunPower Equinox™ complete solutions for the commercial and
23 residential markets respectively, we are now in a position to offer standardized
24 plug and play solutions across all primary solar applications from large scale
25 power plants to individual homes and businesses. This positions SunPower very
26 well to facilitate the adoption of solar power as a mainstream energy technology.
27 In our upstream solar cell and panel manufacturing operations, we delivered
28 strong yields and record panel output, and we continue to ramp volume at our new
Fab 4 cell manufacturing facility. During the quarter, we also began commercial
shipments of our new, lower cost, high efficiency Performance Series panel
product line and we are on track to ramp volume significantly starting in the third
quarter.

"In our power plant business, consistent with our strong, historical delivery
execution, we continued construction on a number of key U.S. projects slated for
completion during the second half of 2016, including our 100-megawatt (MW)
project for NV Energy, the 102-MW Henrietta power plant and our 68-MW
project for Stanford University. Additionally, we achieved commercial operation

1 on our 50-MW Hooper project for Xcel Energy, a project currently owned by
2 8point3 Energy Partners. SunPower also achieved notable international success
3 during the first quarter when we were awarded approximately 500-MW of power
4 purchase agreements in Mexico's first electricity auction. This award comprised
5 approximately 25 percent of the awarded solar capacity, or around 20 percent of
6 the entire awarded energy across all resources, and demonstrates the increasing
7 cost competitiveness of wholesale solar power versus competing technologies.
8 We also expect to begin construction of our second solar power plant project in
9 Chile later this year with a capacity of approximately 100-MW. With a pipeline of
10 more than 2.5 gigawatts (GW) in Latin America and more than 14-GW globally,
11 we see significant long term opportunity in the power plant segment.

12 "Our residential business continued its strong performance as we met or exceeded
13 our quarterly goals across all regions. In North America, we grew recognized
14 megawatts by more than 50 percent year over year, gained market share, and
15 launched our SunPower Equinox complete residential solution in the U.S. We
16 believe this fully integrated product generates up to 70 percent more lifetime
17 energy with 70 percent fewer visible components compared with a conventional
18 residential system, while reducing installation time and improving quality and
19 aesthetics. We also added a key residential channel partnership during the quarter
20 including an exclusive co-marketing agreement with AT&T. With solid
21 residential industry fundamentals, particularly in the U.S, we expect continued
22 strong performance in this segment during 2016.

23 "We also made significant progress in our commercial business during the
24 quarter, adding projects to our pipeline which stands over \$1 billion. The rollout
25 of our new Helix platform is going very well as we installed our first commercial
26 system during the quarter. As a result, we expect to double our commercial
27 market share in the U.S. this year. Internationally, we also had a significant win in
28 Japan during the quarter, where we booked a 17-MW supply contract with a
leading Japanese commercial rooftop project developer," Werner concluded.

"Overall, we executed well in the first quarter as we achieved our development
targets and saw solid performance across our segments," said Chuck Boynton,
SunPower CFO. "We continued to add to our HoldCo asset base with a number of
large projects scheduled for completion in the second half of the year. We exited
the quarter with a strong balance sheet including significant liquidity through our
\$300 million revolver, which remains undrawn. In addition, we were pleased to
close our most recent financing, a \$200 million construction revolver that will be
used to finance our anticipated growth, primarily in the commercial sector."

Additionally, first quarter fiscal 2016 non-GAAP results include net adjustments
that, in the aggregate, decreased non-GAAP net loss by \$44.2 million, including
\$10.7 million related to 8point3 Energy Partners, \$3.6 million related to utility
and power plant projects, \$3.1 million related to sale of operating lease assets,
\$16.5 million related to stock-based compensation expense, \$8.6 million related

1 to other adjustments, and \$1.7 million related to tax effect.

2 **Financial Outlook**

3 The company's second quarter fiscal 2016 non-GAAP guidance is as follows:
4 revenue of \$310 million to \$360 million, gross margin of 12 percent to 14 percent,
5 EBITDA of \$0 to \$25 million and megawatts deployed in the range of 360 MW to
6 385 MW. On a GAAP basis, the company expects revenue of \$290 million to
7 \$340 million, gross margin of 10 percent to 12 percent and net loss of \$90 million
8 to \$65 million. Second quarter 2016 GAAP guidance includes the impact of the
9 company's HoldCo asset strategy and revenue and timing deferrals due to real
10 estate accounting.

11 For fiscal year 2016, the company's non-GAAP financial guidance is unchanged.
12 Non-GAAP expectations are as follows: revenue of \$3.2 billion to \$3.4 billion,
13 gross margin of 14 percent to 16 percent, EBITDA of \$450 million to \$500
14 million, capital expenditures of \$210 million to \$260 million and gigawatts
15 deployed in the range of 1.6 GW to 1.9 GW.

16 On a GAAP basis, the company now expects 2016 revenue of \$2.8 billion to \$3.0
17 billion, gross margin of 13 percent to 15 percent and net income of \$0 million to
18 \$50 million. Fiscal year 2016 GAAP guidance includes the impact of the
19 company's HoldCo asset strategy and revenue and timing deferrals due to real
20 estate accounting.

21 20. On May 6, 2016, SunPower filed its Quarterly Report with the SEC on Form 10-
22 Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 3, 2016. The Company's Form 10-Q was signed by
23 Defendant Boynton, and reaffirmed the Company's financial results previously announced on
24 May 5, 2016.

25 21. The above statements contained in ¶¶17-20 were materially false and/or
26 misleading, as well as failed to disclose material adverse facts about the Company's business,
27 operations, and prospects. Specifically, these statements were false and/or misleading statements
28 and/or failed to disclose: (1) that a substantial number of the Company's customers were
adopting a longer-term timeline for project completion; (2) that the Company's near-term
economic returns were deteriorating due to aggressive PPA pricing by new market entrants; (3)
that market disruption in the YieldCo environment was impacting the Company's assumptions
related to monetizing deferred profits; (4) that, as such, demand for the Company's products was
significantly declining; (5) that, in response, the Company would implement a manufacturing

1 realignment that would result in significant restructuring charges; (6) that, as such, the
2 Company's fiscal year 2016 guidance was overstated; and (7) that, as a result of the foregoing,
3 Defendants' statements about SunPower's business, operations, and prospects, were false and
4 misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis.

5 **Disclosures at the End of the Class Period**

6 22. On August 9, 2016, SunPower issued a press release announcing its second
7 quarter 2016 financial results. Therein, the Company identified multiple factors negatively
8 impacting the Company's performance and forecasts for the second half of 2016:

9 [W]e see a number of near-term industry challenges, primarily in our power plant
10 segment, that we expect to impact our business and financial performance in the
11 second half of 2016. The extension of the Investment Tax Credit, as well as the
12 bonus depreciation credit, while beneficial to the long-term health of the industry,
13 has reduced the urgency to complete new solar projects by the end of 2016, with
14 many customers adopting a longer-term timeline for project
15 completion. Additionally, near-term economic returns have deteriorated due to
16 aggressive PPA pricing by new market entrants, including a number of large,
17 global independent power companies. We are also seeing customer project IRRs
18 rising in the near term as buyers have increased their hurdle rates due to industry
19 conditions. Finally, the continued market disruption in the YieldCo environment
20 has impacted our assumptions related to monetizing deferred profits.

21 In response, the Company also announced a manufacturing realignment:

22 Additionally, we are realigning our manufacturing operations to increase the
23 relative mix of X-Series capacity due to expected strong customer demand in our
24 DG business as well as adjusting our panel assembly capacity to be closer to our
25 core markets. We plan to utilize equipment from some of our older solar cell
26 manufacturing lines in Fab 2 to debottleneck capacity of our latest generation
27 technology in order to increase the supply of X-Series panels. These initiatives
28 will enable us to increase X-Series output by up to 100 MW by the end of
2017. Additionally, in connection with the realignment of our power plant
segment principally around our core markets, we have made the decision to close
our Philippine panel assembly facility and transfer the equipment to our latest
generation, lower cost facilities in Mexico. This change will optimize our supply
chain and move final panel assembly closer to our key markets.

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30 As a result of the announced realignment, the company expects the following:

- 31 • Workforce reduction of approximately 15 percent or 1,200 employees,
32 primarily related to its Philippine facility closure

- Restructuring charges totaling \$30-\$45 million
- Substantial portion of charges to be incurred in the third quarter of 2016 with more than 50 percent of the total charges to be cash
- Annual operating expense reductions of approximately 10 percent

Finally, the Company announced that as a result of the “challenges” described above, the it was negatively revising its fiscal year 2016 guidance:

Financial Outlook

As a result of the challenges described above, the company is updating its previously disclosed fiscal year 2016 guidance, as well as providing selected forecasts for fiscal year 2017.

On a GAAP basis, the company now expects 2016 revenue of \$2.8 billion to \$3.0 billion, gross margin of 9.5 percent to 11.5 percent and net loss of \$175 million to \$125 million. Fiscal year 2016 GAAP guidance includes the impact of the company’s HoldCo asset strategy and revenue and timing deferrals due to real estate accounting.

The company’s updated 2016 non-GAAP financial guidance is as follows: revenue of \$3.0 billion to \$3.2 billion, gross margin of 10.5 percent to 12.5 percent, EBITDA of \$275 million to \$325 million, capital expenditures of \$225 million to \$245 million and gigawatts deployed in the range of 1.45 GW to 1.65 GW.

For 2017, the company expects a GAAP net loss of \$200 million to \$100 million and EBITDA in the range of \$300 million to \$400 million. The company expects that at the lower end of the guidance range, 2017 EBITDA would be generated almost entirely from the company’s DG business and believes that with the announced realignment, it will be well positioned to capitalize on the long term growth potential in the global power plant market.

The company’s third quarter fiscal 2016 GAAP guidance is as follows: revenue of \$700 million to \$800 million, gross margin of 14.5 percent to 16.5 percent and net loss of \$5 million to net income of \$20 million. Third quarter 2016 GAAP guidance includes the impact of the company’s HoldCo asset strategy and revenue and timing deferrals due to real estate accounting. On a non-GAAP basis, the company expects revenue of \$750 million to \$850 million, gross margin of 16.5 percent to 18.5 percent, EBITDA of \$115 million to \$140 million and megawatts deployed in the range of 380 MW to 420 MW.

1 questions of law and fact common to the Class are:

2 (a) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' acts as
3 alleged herein;

4 (b) whether statements made by Defendants to the investing public during the
5 Class Period omitted and/or misrepresented material facts about the business, operations, and
6 prospects of SunPower; and

7 (c) to what extent the members of the Class have sustained damages and the
8 proper measure of damages.

9 29. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient
10 adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as
11 the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and
12 burden of individual litigation makes it impossible for members of the Class to individually
13 redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as
14 a class action.

15 **UNDISCLOSED ADVERSE FACTS**

16 30. The market for SunPower's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at
17 all relevant times. As a result of these materially false and/or misleading statements, and/or
18 failures to disclose, SunPower's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class
19 Period. Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired SunPower's
20 securities relying upon the integrity of the market price of the Company's securities and market
21 information relating to SunPower, and have been damaged thereby.

22 31. During the Class Period, Defendants materially misled the investing public,
23 thereby inflating the price of SunPower's securities, by publicly issuing false and/or misleading
24 statements and/or omitting to disclose material facts necessary to make Defendants' statements,
25 as set forth herein, not false and/or misleading. The statements and omissions were materially
26 false and/or misleading because they failed to disclose material adverse information and/or
27 misrepresented the truth about SunPower's business, operations, and prospects as alleged herein.

1 receipt of information reflecting the true facts regarding SunPower, his/her control over, and/or
2 receipt and/or modification of SunPower's allegedly materially misleading misstatements and/or
3 their associations with the Company which made them privy to confidential proprietary
4 information concerning SunPower, participated in the fraudulent scheme alleged herein.

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6 **APPLICABILITY OF PRESUMPTION OF RELIANCE**
7 **(FRAUD-ON-THE-MARKET DOCTRINE)**

8 36. The market for SunPower's securities was open, well-developed and efficient at
9 all relevant times. As a result of the materially false and/or misleading statements and/or failures
10 to disclose, SunPower's securities traded at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period.
11 On March 17, 2016, the Company's stock price closed at a Class Period high of \$24.74 per
12 share. Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired the Company's
13 securities relying upon the integrity of the market price of SunPower's securities and market
14 information relating to SunPower, and have been damaged thereby.

15 37. During the Class Period, the artificial inflation of SunPower's stock was caused
16 by the material misrepresentations and/or omissions particularized in this Complaint causing the
17 damages sustained by Plaintiff and other members of the Class. As described herein, during the
18 Class Period, Defendants made or caused to be made a series of materially false and/or
19 misleading statements about SunPower's business, prospects, and operations. These material
20 misstatements and/or omissions created an unrealistically positive assessment of SunPower and
21 its business, operations, and prospects, thus causing the price of the Company's securities to be
22 artificially inflated at all relevant times, and when disclosed, negatively affected the value of the
23 Company stock. Defendants' materially false and/or misleading statements during the Class
24 Period resulted in Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchasing the Company's securities
25 at such artificially inflated prices, and each of them has been damaged as a result.

26 38. At all relevant times, the market for SunPower's securities was an efficient
27 market for the following reasons, among others:

- 28 (a) SunPower stock met the requirements for listing, and was listed and

1 actively traded on the NASDAQ, a highly efficient and automated market;

2 (b) As a regulated issuer, SunPower filed periodic public reports with the SEC
3 and/or the NASDAQ;

4 (c) SunPower regularly communicated with public investors *via* established
5 market communication mechanisms, including through regular dissemination of press releases
6 on the national circuits of major newswire services and through other wide-ranging public
7 disclosures, such as communications with the financial press and other similar reporting services;
8 and/or

9 (d) SunPower was followed by securities analysts employed by brokerage
10 firms who wrote reports about the Company, and these reports were distributed to the sales force
11 and certain customers of their respective brokerage firms. Each of these reports was publicly
12 available and entered the public marketplace.

13 39. As a result of the foregoing, the market for SunPower's securities promptly
14 digested current information regarding SunPower from all publicly available sources and
15 reflected such information in SunPower's stock price. Under these circumstances, all purchasers
16 of SunPower's securities during the Class Period suffered similar injury through their purchase
17 of SunPower's securities at artificially inflated prices and a presumption of reliance applies.

18 40. A Class-wide presumption of reliance is also appropriate in this action under the
19 Supreme Court's holding in *Affiliated Ute Citizens of Utah v. United States*, 406 U.S. 128
20 (1972), because the Class's claims are, in large part, grounded on Defendants' material
21 misstatements and/or omissions. Because this action involves Defendants' failure to disclose
22 material adverse information regarding the Company's business operations and financial
23 prospects—information that Defendants were obligated to disclose—positive proof of reliance is
24 not a prerequisite to recovery. All that is necessary is that the facts withheld be material in the
25 sense that a reasonable investor might have considered them important in making investment
26 decisions. Given the importance of the Class Period material misstatements and omissions set
27 forth above, that requirement is satisfied here.

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1 **NO SAFE HARBOR**

2 41. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain
3 circumstances does not apply to any of the allegedly false statements pleaded in this Complaint.
4 The statements alleged to be false and misleading herein all relate to then-existing facts and
5 conditions. In addition, to the extent certain of the statements alleged to be false may be
6 characterized as forward looking, they were not identified as “forward-looking statements” when
7 made and there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that
8 could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking
9 statements. In the alternative, to the extent that the statutory safe harbor is determined to apply to
10 any forward-looking statements pleaded herein, Defendants are liable for those false forward-
11 looking statements because at the time each of those forward-looking statements was made, the
12 speaker had actual knowledge that the forward-looking statement was materially false or
13 misleading, and/or the forward-looking statement was authorized or approved by an executive
14 officer of SunPower who knew that the statement was false when made.

15 **FIRST CLAIM**
16 **Violation of Section 10(b) of The Exchange Act and**
17 **Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder**
18 **Against All Defendants**

19 42. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if
20 fully set forth herein.

21 43. During the Class Period, Defendants carried out a plan, scheme and course of
22 conduct which was intended to and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing
23 public, including Plaintiff and other Class members, as alleged herein; and (ii) cause Plaintiff and
24 other members of the Class to purchase SunPower’s securities at artificially inflated prices. In
25 furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, defendants, and each of them,
26 took the actions set forth herein.

27 44. Defendants (i) employed devices, schemes, and artifices to defraud; (ii) made
28 untrue statements of material fact and/or omitted to state material facts necessary to make the

1 statements not misleading; and (iii) engaged in acts, practices, and a course of business which
2 operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of the Company's securities in an effort to
3 maintain artificially high market prices for SunPower's securities in violation of Section 10(b) of
4 the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5. All Defendants are sued either as primary participants in the
5 wrongful and illegal conduct charged herein or as controlling persons as alleged below.

6 45. Defendants, individually and in concert, directly and indirectly, by the use, means
7 or instrumentalities of interstate commerce and/or of the mails, engaged and participated in a
8 continuous course of conduct to conceal adverse material information about SunPower's
9 financial well-being and prospects, as specified herein.

10 46. These defendants employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud, while in
11 possession of material adverse non-public information and engaged in acts, practices, and a
12 course of conduct as alleged herein in an effort to assure investors of SunPower's value and
13 performance and continued substantial growth, which included the making of, or the
14 participation in the making of, untrue statements of material facts and/or omitting to state
15 material facts necessary in order to make the statements made about SunPower and its business
16 operations and future prospects in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
17 misleading, as set forth more particularly herein, and engaged in transactions, practices and a
18 course of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon the purchasers of the Company's
19 securities during the Class Period.

20 47. Each of the Individual Defendants' primary liability, and controlling person
21 liability, arises from the following facts: (i) the Individual Defendants were high-level executives
22 and/or directors at the Company during the Class Period and members of the Company's
23 management team or had control thereof; (ii) each of these defendants, by virtue of their
24 responsibilities and activities as a senior officer and/or director of the Company, was privy to and
25 participated in the creation, development and reporting of the Company's internal budgets, plans,
26 projections and/or reports; (iii) each of these defendants enjoyed significant personal contact and
27 familiarity with the other defendants and was advised of, and had access to, other members of the
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1 Company's management team, internal reports and other data and information about the
2 Company's finances, operations, and sales at all relevant times; and (iv) each of these defendants
3 was aware of the Company's dissemination of information to the investing public which they
4 knew and/or recklessly disregarded was materially false and misleading.

5 48. The defendants had actual knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions
6 of material facts set forth herein, or acted with reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed
7 to ascertain and to disclose such facts, even though such facts were available to them. Such
8 defendants' material misrepresentations and/or omissions were done knowingly or recklessly and
9 for the purpose and effect of concealing SunPower's financial well-being and prospects from the
10 investing public and supporting the artificially inflated price of its securities. As demonstrated
11 by Defendants' overstatements and/or misstatements of the Company's business, operations,
12 financial well-being, and prospects throughout the Class Period, Defendants, if they did not have
13 actual knowledge of the misrepresentations and/or omissions alleged, were reckless in failing to
14 obtain such knowledge by deliberately refraining from taking those steps necessary to discover
15 whether those statements were false or misleading.

16 49. As a result of the dissemination of the materially false and/or misleading
17 information and/or failure to disclose material facts, as set forth above, the market price of
18 SunPower's securities was artificially inflated during the Class Period. In ignorance of the fact
19 that market prices of the Company's securities were artificially inflated, and relying directly or
20 indirectly on the false and misleading statements made by Defendants, or upon the integrity of
21 the market in which the securities trades, and/or in the absence of material adverse information
22 that was known to or recklessly disregarded by Defendants, but not disclosed in public
23 statements by Defendants during the Class Period, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class
24 acquired SunPower's securities during the Class Period at artificially high prices and were
25 damaged thereby.

26 50. At the time of said misrepresentations and/or omissions, Plaintiff and other
27 members of the Class were ignorant of their falsity, and believed them to be true. Had Plaintiff
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1 and the other members of the Class and the marketplace known the truth regarding the problems
2 that SunPower was experiencing, which were not disclosed by Defendants, Plaintiff and other
3 members of the Class would not have purchased or otherwise acquired their SunPower securities,
4 or, if they had acquired such securities during the Class Period, they would not have done so at
5 the artificially inflated prices which they paid.

6 51. By virtue of the foregoing, Defendants have violated Section 10(b) of the
7 Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

8 52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and
9 the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their respective purchases
10 and sales of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

11 **SECOND CLAIM**
12 **Violation of Section 20(a) of The Exchange Act**
13 **Against the Individual Defendants**

14 53. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained above as if
15 fully set forth herein.

16 54. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of SunPower within the
17 meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their high-level
18 positions, and their ownership and contractual rights, participation in and/or awareness of the
19 Company's operations and/or intimate knowledge of the false financial statements filed by the
20 Company with the SEC and disseminated to the investing public, the Individual Defendants had
21 the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the
22 decision-making of the Company, including the content and dissemination of the various
23 statements which Plaintiff contends are false and misleading. The Individual Defendants were
24 provided with or had unlimited access to copies of the Company's reports, press releases, public
25 filings and other statements alleged by Plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after
26 these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or
27 cause the statements to be corrected.

28 55. In particular, each of these Defendants had direct and supervisory involvement in

1 the day-to-day operations of the Company and, therefore, is presumed to have had the power to
2 control or influence the particular transactions giving rise to the securities violations as alleged
3 herein, and exercised the same.

4 56. As set forth above, SunPower and the Individual Defendants each violated
5 Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 by their acts and/or omissions as alleged in this Complaint. By
6 virtue of their positions as controlling persons, the Individual Defendants are liable pursuant to
7 Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful
8 conduct, Plaintiff and other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their
9 purchases of the Company's securities during the Class Period.

10 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment, as follows:

12 (a) Determining that this action is a proper class action under Rule 23 of the Federal
13 Rules of Civil Procedure;

14 (b) Awarding compensatory damages in favor of Plaintiff and the other Class
15 members against all defendants, jointly and severally, for all damages sustained as a result of
16 Defendants' wrongdoing, in an amount to be proven at trial, including interest thereon;

17 (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class their reasonable costs and expenses incurred in
18 this action, including counsel fees and expert fees; and

19 (d) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

20 **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

21 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.
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