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### **SOLAR MANUFACTURER INTRODUCES ONLINE SOLAR HOT WATER TRAINING PROGRAM**

RICHMOND, CA, April 30, 2009 — California based solar hot water manufacturer Heliodyne is now offering interactive, web based solar installation courses for trade professionals interested in installing solar thermal systems. The beginner’s course is intended to educate professionals on solar hot water theory along with proper installation techniques. “Utilizing the Internet as a medium to train and educate plumbers, builders, dealers, engineers, architects, planners and other relevant industry professionals is an ideal solution since we can reach so many without the inconvenience and expense of travel” says Robert Cooley, Training Manager at Heliodyne.

Training includes topics such as Solar Hot Water Fundamentals, Sales and Quoting, Sizing, Installation, and Service and Maintenance. The subjects are broken down into short lessons which the student can study at his or her own pace from the convenience of their home or office. “The comprehensiveness of the course is unprecedented. We’re confident it will compliment President Obama’s push towards a green economy by educating the American workforce on this viable and cost effective form of renewable energy.” says Ole Pilgaard, president of Heliodyne.

Using a web-based Learning Management System, students are taught using a series of professionally produced videos and illustrations. After viewing and studying each lesson, the student has the option to take an online exam. Taking and passing the exams is not required but is necessary if the student wants to become a certified installer of Heliodyne products. NABCEP

certification is pending. For a limited time, the company will be offering the course free of charge. Interested attendees can register at [www.heliodyne.com](http://www.heliodyne.com) or by calling the main office at 1.888.878.8750.

### **About Heliodyne**

Established in 1976, Heliodyne has acquired a solid reputation of engineering and manufacturing quality solar water heating equipment for both residential and commercial applications. With offices and manufacturing facilities in Richmond, California, the company manufactures and assembles a variety of solar water heating products including the Gobi line of solar flat plate collectors and the Helio-Pak heat transfer appliances.

Heliodyne is the North American branch of SolarCAP, the active parent company of the VKR Group's thermal solar energy business area, a holding based in Europe.

SolarCAP's vision is to become the leading provider of sustainable energy solutions focusing on thermal solar energy – while at the same time making thermal solar energy the most environmentally sound and cost-effective source of energy.

SolarCAP is owned by VKR Holding, which is one of Denmark's largest and most respected industrial investors, as well as owner and developer of companies that bring daylight, fresh air and a better environment into people's everyday lives.

The VKR Group employs more than 15,000 employees over 40 countries with activities in the following business areas: Roof windows & skylights, vertical windows, thermal solar energy, decoration & sunscreening, and natural ventilation. VKR Holding is owned by the Kann Rasmussen family and the foundation VILLUM KANN RASMUSSEN FONDEN, which is the main shareholder, and was founded in 1941 by Villum Kann Rasmussen, M.Sc., Dr.Eng.

For more information on our parent company, please visit <http://www.solarcap.dk/>.