# Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc.

**Corporate Presentation** 

March 2024

## Ascent SOLAR

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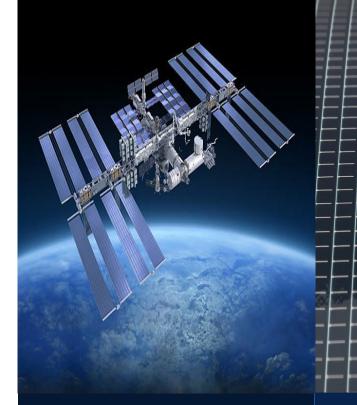
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## Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. (ASTI)

Ascent Solar delivers lightweight, flexible and reliable solar power modules to the world's leading engineering organizations.



ASTI is the leading provider of feather-weight, flexible, monolithically-integrated thin-film solar modules for the Space/Near-space, UAV/Defense, Agrivoltaic and Specialty markets. The revolutionary attributes and superior performance of ASTI's photovoltaic (PV) modules are made possible through a proprietary CIGS (Copper-Indium-Gallium-Selenium) on polyimide substrate process and continuous process and technology improvements.



ASTI's HQ and nameplate

Thornton, Colorado USA,

decade of manufacturing

where we have over a

experience.

production facility is based

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## **Investor Opportunity**

Markets for ASTI's products have accelerated in the last 12 months and are expected to grow in the next 5 to 8 years. ASTI is in early discussions with several parties now, which could potentially materialize into more than \$80 million in revenue by 2025.

- Targeted industry approach
  - Aerospace and Space
  - Agri-voltaics
- Profitable high growth targeted markets
  - Could generate \$28 to \$35 per watt for terrestrial and \$30 to 45 per watt for space products
  - Projected satellite power needs are 10 MW per year now and growing to +80 MW per year in the next 6 to 7 years with existing industry capacity at 4 to 6 MW
- Recent manufacturing and operational improvements have generated high efficiency
  - Increased efficiency in CIGS technology from 10.8% to 17.73% due to addition of rubidium fluoride and improved manufacturing processes
  - ASTI fully-encapsulated arrays are now generating more than a watt per gram of integrated array panel, creating a notable differentiator between Ascent and other solar manufacturers active in the space tech market
- New Executive Team focused on elevated margin and high growth industries



## **ASTI's Thin Film Outshines the Competition**

## Durable

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- Patented cell design allows a greater area of the solar module to produce power.
- The proprietary design provides system redundancy and unchallenged durability – in the event of surface damage or partial light conditions, ASTI PV continues to generate power.

### Reliable

- ► TRL 9 in 2023
- Low part count for modules and arrays drastically reduces points of failure and increases system and unit reliability
- ASTI's thin-film PV is durable and reliable making it a preferred method of generating renewable power in challenging environments like Space and near-Space.

## Lightweight

ASTI panels are lighter than feathers and have a power to weight ration that makes them far superior to other solar products available for large scale use in space due to lower launch costs.

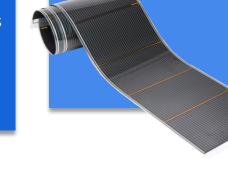


## Fit for Purpose

- Simplified electrical and mechanical construction
- Customized cell shapes easily integrated into manufacturing process
- So lightweight, ASTI panels can be installed on satellites with minimal impact on flight performance.

### Flexible

- Rollable-deployable configurations increase packing efficiency in launch vehicles (further lowers launch cost)
- >30° radius of curvature – better than Crystalline and Gallium Arsenide technology.





## **ASTI PV vs Other Technologies**

	Ascent SOLAR	Amorphous Silicon	Monocyrstalline & Polycrystalline	Gallium Arsenide
Highly Flexible	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×
Shatterproof	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	X
Easy to customize Voltage & Current	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×
Price per Watt per Kg	$\checkmark$	×	×	×
Non-Traditional Shapes Available	$\checkmark$	×	×	×
Long-term Power Stability	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Specific Power	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Price Per Watt	\$	\$	\$	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
Integration Complexity	EASY	EASY	DIFFICULT	MODERATE



## **Sector: Aerospace/Space**

#### Space PV Market (Demand and Attributes)

- Current space solar market demand is 7 to 10 of MW per year.
- The space solar market is expected to reach 60 to 100+ of MW per year of demand before 2030
- Robust supply chain w/ minimal throughputs
- Ultra-lightweight, superior module specific energy (2.1kW/kg)
- Demonstrated to be optimal for enduring the harshness of the space environment's radiation, vacuum temperature extremes, and other hazards.

#### Competitor's Lack Capacity/Capability to Meet Market Need



Satellite Power

Solar Sail Development

High Voltage Solar

High Altitude Airships

#### **Power Beaming**

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- Sales prospects have indicated that competing space PV providers currently have lead times exceeding 12 months and prices exceeding \$100 per watt with highest performance triple junction cells fetching more than \$150 per watt.
- > The space industry's leading PV providers have an estimated 3 to 4 MW per year in total of annual production capacity
- Inadequate supply chains for key materials such as gallium arsenide and space rated cover glass are weaknesses/threats that ASTI's solution negates.

<u>The Space Industry presents a premium market opportunity with unmet customer demand where ASTI products are highly differentiated at +17%</u> <u>efficiency, but +17% has to be met on production scale manufacturing</u>

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a regulatory approver for spacecraft being launched to orbit, is approaching approval of licenses for over 100,000 satellites to be launched. It is known from ASTI sales relationships that the average power generation requirements per satellites is 1 to 10 kW. Thus, a bottoms up market analysis would project current market demand backlog could exceed 100MW



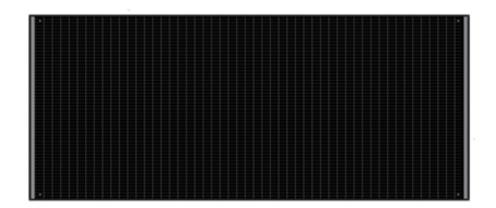
# *Titan*<sup>™</sup> Optimized for Space

#### First CIGS Solar Module Engineered for Peak performance in Space

- Optimized Cell area to comply with neutral magnetic moment requirements
- ► Specific power of 2000+W/kg bare
- Larger module size results in fewer connection points required; reduces system risk
- Titan based arrays capable of high voltage –
  +300 volts for propulsion systems

#### **Titan Bare Module**

#### MODEL B-006-110-342



TITAN FULL		TITAN MID	
Pmax	16.5 W	Pmax	14.1 W
Voc	34.2 V	Voc	34.2 V
Vmp	26.1 V	Vmp	26.1 V
lsc	0.722 A	lsc	0.617 A
Imp	0.633 A	Imp	0.541 A
Power / Weight	2100 W/kg	Power/Weight	2100 W/kg
Module Size	336 mm X 289 mm	Module Size	336 mm X 247 mm

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## **Future Growth Opportunities Space**

There are a few large constellations consisting of thousands of satellites that are currently being fielded. ASTI has been researching the prospective opportunities, mapping out corporate enterprise and opportunities, and charting out sales approaches.

- Company A Megaconstellations
  - Number of units: +2,500 Satellites in initial constellations
  - Power Needs: ~5kW/Satellite (~16MW for the constellation)
  - Current material: Undisclosed, but known to be 12 to 14% efficient at end of life, but voltage output lags ASTI's Titan product by 15 to 20%
  - ASTI has small NRE project with Company A

#### • Company B - Megaconstellations and Constellations

- Large satellite production facility, pursuing additional megaconstellations
- 85% vertically integrated, but not power generation, potential for ASTI "Fabless" production being added to their requirements
- Number of units: +8,000 satellite per year production capacity, estimated 3MW in total
- Company C Super Satellites (1 to 3 MW)
  - Number of units: 648
  - Power Needs: undisclosed







## Sector: Agrivoltaics

#### Dual Use Innovation



#### Market Type

Industrial Scale



Low-Medium

#### Value Proposition

- Lightweight
  - 68.4 g/m
- Flexible
  - 3mm radius of curvature
  - Suitable for applications where rigid panels are inappropriate
- ► High Specific Power
  - Highest available W/kg

#### Federal Funding Opportunity - 2024

DE-FOA-0003057 – Silicon Solar Manufacturing,

and Dual-use Photovoltaics Incubator

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## 32 years of Awards & Validation





## **Robust Patent Portfolio Protects Technology Investment**

	Ascent
Granted Patents	US & Foreign
Granted (Active)	13
Granted (Inactive)	14
Granted (All)	27
Published Patent Applications	
Published Patent Applications (Active)	7
Published Patent Applications (Inactive)	30
Published Patent Applications (All)	37
Total Granted & Applied Patents as of Nov 2023	64





2024	In Dollars
Q2	\$1.0 million - \$1.2 million
Q3	\$3.0 million - \$5.0 million
Q4	<u>\$5.0 million - \$7.0 million</u>
Total	\$9.0 million - \$13.2 million
2025	\$50.0 million - \$80.0 million

- Revenue is derived from four different segments – a) Mega-constellation satellite companies, b) Space power production companies, c) Defense contractors, and d) Agri-voltaic companies
- Customers are under NDA, therefore we are not allowed to disclose names
- This revenue is not under contract and discussions are in different stages from placing small orders to test (with orders to follow test phase from 5 to 100MW) to multiple discussions around technology and production schedule

Our statements about future revenue opportunities are forward-looking statements based on the current beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the management of Ascent and are subject to significant risks and uncertainty. Revenue opportunities would require additional capital fund raising estimated to be at least \$7.5 million in 2024 and \$5 million in 2025.



## **ASTI Leadership Team**

#### **CEO - Paul Warley**

Paul has over 35 years of experience and joined ASTI as CFO in December 2022 and was promoted to CEO in April 2023. Prior to Ascent, Warley was president of Warley & Company LLC, a strategic advisory firm from 2015 to 2022 – providing



executive management services, capital advisory, and M&A to middle-market companies in the service, construction, technology, oil and gas, clean energy, food, retail, and green building sectors. While at Warley &Company from 2018 to 2019, he was engaged as CEO and CFO of 360Imaging, a provider of products and services for implant surgery and digital dentistry. From 2011 to 2015, Warley served clients in the alternative energy industry as a managing director and chief compliance officer with Deloitte Corporate Finance. From 1997 to 2011, Warley was managing director and region manager for GE Capital. From 1984 to 1997, Warley served as senior vice president with Bank of America and Bankers Trust. He also was a Captain in the US Army and was honorable discharged in 2002.

#### COO - Bobby Gulati

Bobby has over 30 years of executive leadership experience in engineering and manufacturing roles. Mr. Gulati joined Ascent in February 2012 as Head Equipment Engineer and was promoted to Director of Engineering, Chief Information Officer and in April

of 2023 COO. From 2010 to 2012 Mr. Gulati was the Director of Equipment Engineering for Twin Creeks Technologies, an amorphous silicon solar manufacturing company, and was responsible for the operations of the 5MW solar cell manufacturing facility in Senatobia, Mississippi. From 2001 to 2010, Mr. Gulati was the cofounder and President of TriStar Systems, a manufacturer of automated manufacturing and assembly equipment for the solar, aerospace and disk drive industries. From 1992 to 2000. Mr. Gulati was the co-founder and COO of the publicly traded company NexStar Automation, whose focus was designing and building automated production equipment. Mr. Gulati earned his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Computer Science and Robotics from the University of Colorado, Boulder.



#### CFO - Jin Jo

Jin Jo, CFO, has over 20 years in accounting. Ms. Jo joined the Company in June 2021 as VP Finance and promoted to CFO April 2023. From 2015 to 2021, Ms. Jo was the head of technical accounting of Empower Retirement, a financial services



company, where her primary focus was accounting research for complex new products and new accounting standards implementation on International Financial Reporting Standards and US GAAP. From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Jo was an Inspection Specialist at the PCOAB where she assessed auditor compliance with audit professional standards. Ms. Jo started her career in public accounting, spending 11years in the audit and assurance practice serving both public and private companies. Ms. Jo is a certified public accountant in the state of Colorado and earned her B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder.