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Historic Philadelphia Bourse Adds Solar SolarDock Chosen For Its Unique, Non-Penetrating Mounting Racks

SolarDock – provider of a unique, patented, solar-panel mounting system for flat-roof & ground installations that requires *no penetration of the mounting surface* – is proud to join real estate management firm Kaiserman Company, Inc. and the Solar Division of Union Electric Contracting Co. in announcing that installation of a 43.05 kW photovoltaic solar array has begun atop Philadelphia’s historic Bourse.

Located at Independence Mall and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Bourse is no stranger to innovation. Completed in 1895, it was the first commodities exchange in the United States. Quotations from all markets of the world and the latest financial news were received by telegraph, while Pneumatic tubes connected the Bourse directly with the United States Post Office. Kaiserman Company purchased the building in 1979. After a three-year, \$20-million restoration, it now is home to 24 retail and food-service stores and more than 50 businesses.

“We selected SolarDock after seeing their equipment atop other facilities, and because they came highly recommended from associates in the industry,” said Joe Cianfrani, Jr., Director of Technical Operations at Kaiserman. He adds that the primary consideration, however, was SolarDock’s patented system requiring no roof penetrations, “This allows us to utilize the existing roof and still be able to disconnect-&-patch anywhere a problem could develop.”

It also was important to Kaiserman Company that all of the system’s components were made in America: The Motech 205 modules in Newark, DE; The PVPowered inverters in Bend, OR; and the SolarDock in New Castle, DE. The array should produce an annual average of 51,660 kW.

And from Craig A. Tupper, Project Manager at Union Electric, “Solar Dock is a fabulous company that was integral to our success on several high profile projects (Siemens headquarters in Malvern, PA, ASHRAE headquarters in Atlanta, GA, Astra Zeneca in Newark, DE, among others). We have a wonderful working relationship because, like Union Electric, SolarDock believes in ‘Quality at a fair price’.”

Along with the roof friendliness of the system, SolarDock Business Development VP Dan O'Brien concludes that other major considerations were, "the real estate functionality of the system, the greater production and financial efficiency resulting from SolarDock's higher tilt, and focusing on getting the most bang for Kaiserman's buck." Dan goes on to say, "While solar installations on historic buildings have sparked debate among preservationists across the U.S., this project demonstrates that modernization can be achieved through the patented SolarDock method without interfering in any way with historical integrity -- even with the building being 150 feet high."

About Kaiserman Company, Inc.: This privately owned Philadelphia organization has been acquiring, developing, and managing real estate for more than 80 years. Its history includes creating new commercial and residential assets throughout the greater Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware region. Kaiserman Company currently manages over four million square feet of premier office, commercial and residential properties in the tri-state area. Contact via info@kaiserman.com or 215-546-2665.

About Union Electric Contracting Co.: This full-service contracting firm specializes in many markets, including voice/data cabling, power distribution, industrial and design-build projects. It boasts 5 years of successful solar installations; operating in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Contact via info@uecco.net or 215-643-2990.

About SolarDock, LLC: Headquartered in the Wilmington-Philadelphia corridor, SolarDock holds the patent on flat-roof mounting frames that offer a high-performance, light-weight, non-penetrating roof installation method that will not cause leaks and is recognized as the most "roof-friendly" racking system by top roofing manufacturers. A flexible, modular structure also facilitates expansion/transfer of solar systems, while the new, UL-approved integrated grounding method saves time and material.

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