# TÜV Rheinland approved for assessments according to the ESG standard of the Solar Stewardship Initiative (SSI)

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**Cologne, 08August 2024**: TÜV Rheinland is one of the first testing companies to be approved to assess manufacturers and suppliers in the photovoltaic (PV) industry according to the ESG standards of the Solar Stewardship Initiative (SSI). The Solar Stewardship Initiative is an internal industry initiative with the aim of ensuring sustainability in the supply chain of the photovoltaic industry and its customers. The ESG standard developed by the SSI is specifically tailored to the needs of the photovoltaic industry and its customers.

The newly developed ESG standard takes into account both international standards and expertise from the PV industry. It assesses a company's performance in the areas of governance, business ethics, the environment and human and labour rights (environmental, social, governance, ESG). Member companies of the SSI are obliged to have two of their sites assessed in accordance with the ESG standard by an authorised body such as TÜV Rheinland within twelve months.

"The aim of the ESG standard is to contribute to a more responsible, transparent and sustainable solar value chain. We are honored to be recognized as an Assessment Body by the Solar Stewardship Initiative. This partnership aligns with our mission to support sustainable development and innovation in the solar industry. We look forward to contributing our expertise to drive forward the goals of the SSI", says Frank Dorssers, who is responsible for the global Customized Services business at TÜV Rheinland.

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