

Transforming Industrial Facilities into Solar Module Plants: A Turnkey Approach

Strategic analysis of industrial facility conversion for solar module production.

Leveraging Turnkey Manufacturing Frameworks for Predictive Operational Success—A Study by J.v.G. Technology GmbH.





Analysis Framework

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European specialists in
turnkey solar module
production lines

Strategic Rationale



Market Demand

Factory conversion reduces initial capital outlay by 20-40% compared to greenfield projects



Time Advantage

Conversion projects operational in 8-10 months versus 12-18 months for greenfield



Regional Focus

Turkey/MENA region offers established industrial infrastructure and market access

Conversion vs Greenfield

CAPEX Advantages

- Avoids land purchase and new construction costs
- Funds can be reallocated to higher-quality equipment

Speed Benefits

- Speed is competitive advantage in rapidly evolving markets
- Faster market entry and revenue generation

Phased Conversion Approach

01

Technical Assessment

On-site audit to determine building suitability for conversion

02

Engineering Design

Design efficient production line within existing building footprint

03

Implementation

Turnkey solutions provider manages entire conversion process

Key Project Data

50-100

Capacity (MW)

Typical conversion scale

CAPEX

Investment

Conversion-based
advantage

9-12

Ramp-up

Months to operational
capacity

Indust...

Facility Type

Conversion of existing
facility

Turkey

Region

MENA / comparable markets

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Source

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Facility Assessment Requirements



Structural Evaluation

Assessment of HVAC, electrical, and structural upgrade requirements



Layout Optimization

Creative solutions required to work around structural columns



Production Flow

Optimize flow to minimize material handling and prevent bottlenecks

Production Line Integration

1

Equipment Selection

Selecting manufacturing equipment that fits physical space and production goals

2

Installation Process

Project management covering structural modifications to machinery installation

3

Commissioning

Integrated approach transforms potential liability into productive asset

Workforce Retraining

Skills Assessment

Evaluate existing workforce capabilities

Identify training requirements

1

2

3

Operational Integration

Gradual transition to full production

Continuous improvement processes

Training Programs

Technical training on solar manufacturing

Quality control procedures

Conversion Example

Project Scope

- 100 MW factory in repurposed 5,000 m² building
- Total estimated investment: \$5.5-7.5 million
- Existing industrial infrastructure utilized

Investment Breakdown

- Building retrofit & upgrades: \$1.0-1.5 million
- Production equipment: \$4.0-5.5 million
- Installation & commissioning: \$0.5 million

FAQ: Timeline & Suitability

Timeline

8-10 months operational timeline
Faster than greenfield alternatives

Suitability

Existing facilities can be more easily repurposed than specialized plants
Technical feasibility assessment required

Costs

Conversion saves versus \$10+ million greenfield costs
CAPEX advantages enable better equipment

Risk Considerations

Technical Challenges

Retrofitting costs for HVAC, electrical, and structural upgrades can be substantial

Requires specialized knowledge bridging civil and process engineering

Success Factors

Success hinges on rigorous upfront technical assessment and expert engineering

Strategic Value

Strategic, agile, and capital-efficient pathway leveraging existing assets

Strategic Conclusion

With right planning and partnership, empty factory becomes foundation for competitive solar manufacturing business.

Converting existing facility offers compelling business advantages that directly impact project ROI.

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