

# Strategic Plan: Establishing a Solar Manufacturing Hub in Mexico for Pan-American Distribution

Pan-American market access through strategic manufacturing positioning

Educational case study on turnkey manufacturing frameworks for solar module production

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# Strategic analysis for sovereign-backed industrial development

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Educational composite scenario based  
on real industry data



Analysis by an experienced European  
turnkey provider



Proven turnkey manufacturing concept  
for solar module production

# Market Dilemma: North vs South America

## US Manufacturing Reality

- \$100 billion announced investments
- 144 GW module capacity announced
- Only 45% of announced capacity viable
- No wafer manufacturing infrastructure

## Cost Competitiveness Gap

- Significant cost premium vs global markets
- Limited manufacturing infrastructure
- Higher labor and operational costs
- Complex regulatory environment



# Strategic Solution: Mexico as Pan-American Hub

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## Geographic Advantages

- 2,000-mile US border proximity
- Direct access to North American markets
- USMCA trade framework benefits
- Simplified logistics infrastructure

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## Economic Benefits

- 60-65% labor cost savings vs US
- Lower manufacturing costs
- Reduced permitting complexity
- 3-4 month setup timeline potential



# Pan-American Market Dynamics



## USMCA Integration

Duty-free exports to US and Canada under established trade agreements



## Regional Supply Chain

50% of traded goods are supply chain components with cross-border assembly processes



## Compliance Framework

USMCA rules of origin compliance with operational certainty

# Mexican Manufacturing Ecosystem: IMMEX Program



## Tax Structure

16% VAT exemption on production equipment and temporarily imported materials



## Program Framework

Temporary importation mechanism for manufacturing and export with duty-free benefits



## Economic Impact

Over 3 million workers employed in more than 5,000 certified operations

# Dual Certification Challenge: UL vs IEC Standards

## Technology Specifications

TOPCon tunnel oxide passivated contact technology with enhanced efficiency potential up to 25% module efficiency

## Manufacturing Integration

Uses existing PERC production line infrastructure with additional tunnel oxide layer deposition and metallization steps

## Compliance Requirements

Dual UL and IEC compliance with enhanced high temperature performance and reduced degradation



# Key Project Data

## Capacity

50–200 MW

## Line Type

Semi-automated / flexible

## Investment

Project-dependent (modern automated line)

## Ramp-up

10–14 months

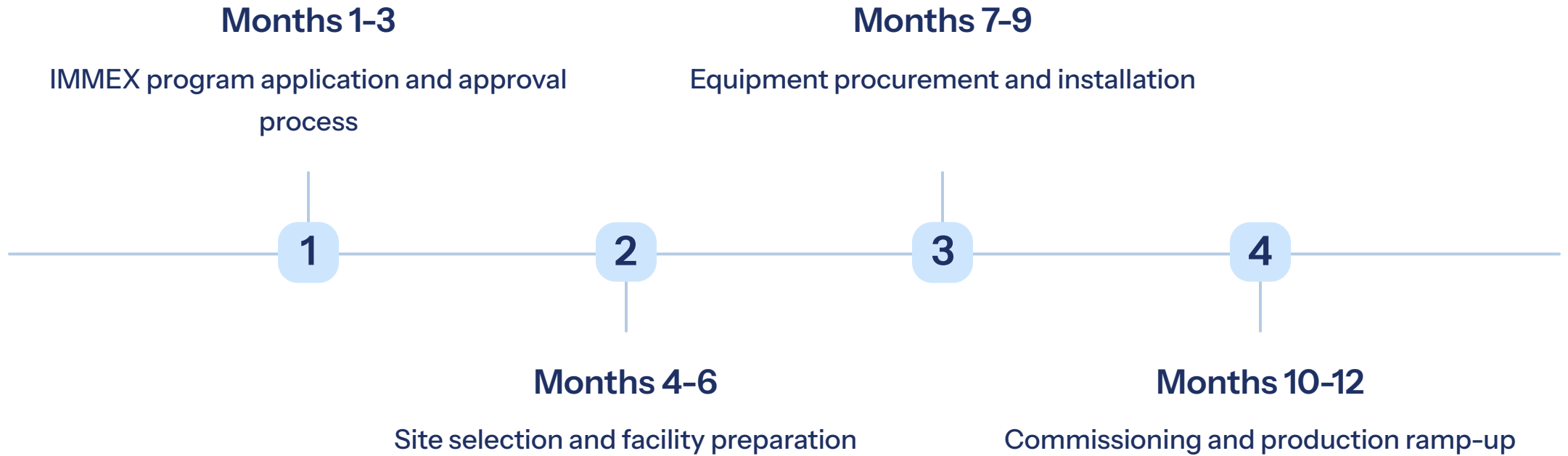
## Region

Mexico (Pan-American distribution)

## Source

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# Implementation Timeline & Workforce



# Key FAQs: Operational Requirements



## Export Requirements

\$500,000 annual export  
minimum or 10% of total sales



## Shelter Services

Simplified entry mechanism for  
minimized legal exposure and  
rapid deployment



## Compliance Framework

Inventory control system  
compliance under Annex 24  
regulations

# Risk Assessment Framework

## Technology Risk


- Manufacturing process validation
- Equipment performance verification
- Quality certification requirements

## Market Risk

- Demand forecasting accuracy
- Price volatility exposure
- Competition dynamics

## Operational Risk

- Supply chain logistics
- Skilled workforce availability
- Regulatory compliance changes

 **Key Consideration:** IMMEX registration maintains validity with compliance, providing ongoing VAT exemptions and operational benefits

# Strategic Conclusion

## Competitive Positioning

Mexico addresses US manufacturing cost gaps while maintaining USMCA market access advantages

## Implementation Advantage

Rapid deployment through established IMMEX framework and shelter services infrastructure

## Market Opportunity

50-200 MW flexible capacity serves IRA-driven demand with proven turnkey manufacturing approach



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