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# Is it tiring to work in China s solar chip factory

Why is China able to produce more solar panels than the world?

China is now able to produce more than twice as many solar modules as the world installs each year. Read more in our series on solar energy: This massive expansion in supply has helped drive down the cost of renewable energy for consumers, acting as a counterweight to the rising cost of capital needed to develop solar farms.

#### Will China's solar industry expand by 2026?

Wood Mackenzie forecasts that China's solar industry will expand capacity to nearly 1,700 GW by 2026. State support for the industry is contributing to the supply glut. For decades leaders of municipal and provincial governments in China have sought to build local solar industries that hire from their populations and contribute taxes.

#### How big is China's solar industry?

China's solar industry is dominant across every stage of the global supply chain, from the polysilicon to the finished product. Module production capacity in the country reached roughly 1,000 gigawatts (GW) last year, almost five times that of the rest of the world combined, according to Wood Mackenzie, a consultancy.

Does China's dominance of the solar market affect the solar supply chain?

China's dominance of the global solar market may expose the solar supply chain to a greater risk of disruptions from geopolitical disputes, extreme weather, and shifts in the economy, Seaver Wang, a researcher involved in the study, told Insider.

What is Washington doing with China's solar equipment?

Washington is planning to double import tariffson the country's solar equipment to 50 per cent, and is also going after Chinese companies that have set up factories in South-east Asia. Trade relations between Beijing and the European Union, a major market for Chinese solar equipment, are also deteriorating.

#### Will China's solar industry be a painful year?

"It's still going to be a pretty painful year, and maybe longer before that capacity gets cleared." The Chinese solar industry's current predicament can be traced back three years ago, when a surge in demand for panels boosted prices and unlocked ambitious expansion plans that resulted in far too much supply.

Three owners of Xinjiang"s polysilicon refineries have been linked to a state-run employment program that, according to some foreign governments and academics, may at times amount to forced labor....

Consolidation in China's crowded solar power sector is pushing smaller players out of the market, but excess production capacity - with more on the way - threatens to keep global prices low for years.

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A Breakthrough Institute study says that Xinjiang-based solar manufacturers using forced Uyghur labor threatens to hurt the global solar industry.

In China, the lay-offs have sparked criticism of the company's corporate culture. Longi, one of the world's biggest solar panel manufacturers, said last week it expected to cut 5 per cent of...

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