

# Solar Stewardship Initiative: **Public Summary Report**

# Certificate of System Conformity

SSI Member	<b>Tongwei Solar</b>
Certified Site	<b>Tongwei Solar (Nantong) Co., Ltd.</b>
Certificate No.	<b>17102022-0023</b>
SSI Standard	<b>ESG</b>
Assessment Body	<b>TÜV SÜD</b>
Assessment Type	<b>Initial</b>
Current grade	<b>Silver</b>
Certification Performance Trend	<b>Not Applicable</b>
Certificate Issue Date	<b>22/01/2026</b>
Certificate Expiry Date	<b>22/01/2027</b>
Site Certified Since	<b>22/01/2026</b>

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# Understanding the Assessment Type

- **Initial Assessment**

A comprehensive assessment of a site against all SSI Standard (s) requirements, conducted to determine the level of compliance and to identify any non-conformances.

- **Follow-up Assessment**

A subsequent assessment conducted after an unsuccessful Initial Assessment, to verify that corrective actions have been implemented for non-conformances identified during the Initial Assessment.

- **Surveillance Assessment**

An interim assessment during the certification cycle to confirm ongoing compliance with the SSI Standard(s). It verifies closure of minor non-conformances and observations, reviews any scope changes (e.g. new production lines), and samples requirements to ensure no new risks or regressions have arisen.

- **Recertification Assessment**

An assessment conducted at the end of a three-year cycle that covers all current production lines and fully reflects any significant scope changes since the last full assessment.

# Solar Stewardship Initiative:

## **Section 1: Site Information**

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CERTIFIED SITE OVERVIEW	
SSI Member	<b>Tongwei Solar</b>
Certified Site	<b>Tongwei Solar (Nantong) Co., Ltd.</b>
Site Location	<b>No. 8, Baoshui 10th Road, Development Zone, Nantong, Jiangsu Province, China</b>
Site Type	<b>Module Manufacturer</b>
Assessment Type	<b>Initial</b>
Initial Assessment	<b>23-26/12/2025</b>
Follow-up Assessment	<b>18-19/05/2026</b>
Next Assessment Type	<b>Surveillance Year 1</b>
Next Assessment Due	<b>22/01/2027</b>
Claims	<b>The certified member site claims may only be displayed on company websites, flyers and other marketing materials, corporate material, invoices, letter heads and other contractual documents. No product-related claims are allowed. For more information check the SSI Claims Guide.</b>

# Solar Stewardship Initiative:

## **Section 2: Summary of Findings**

# Summary of Findings

OVERVIEW							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
Governance and Business Ethics	23	23	19	1	0	3	0
Environment	21	21	21	0	0	0	0
Human and Labour Rights	52	52	45	0	0	2	5
<b>TOTAL COUNT</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>

**References:**

**TSR:** Total Standard Requirements  
**TRA:** Total Requirements Assessed  
**C:** Conformance

**Mi NC:** Minor Non-Conformance  
**Ma NC:** Major Non-Conformance  
**O:** Observation  
**N/A:** Not Applicable

# Understanding Conformance Ratings

## Note

“Total Standard Requirements” shows the full number of applicable Standard requirements, while “Total Requirements Assessed” shows how many were reviewed in this assessment.

- **Conformance (C):**

Systems, policies, procedures, and processes performed in a manner that is in line with the intent of the SSI Standards.

- **Minor Non-Conformance (Mi NC):**

An isolated lapse of performance or control.

A breach which represents low risk to workers/those on site.

A policy issue where there is no evidence of material breach.

Policies or procedures that have been recently adopted but have not been in place or implemented for a sufficient period to demonstrate effective application.

- **Major Non-Conformance (Ma NC):**

A systemic failure or total lack of required controls by the site.

A total absence of implementation of the requirement.

A breach of law.

A group of related, repetitive, or persistent minor non-conformances indicating inadequate implementation.

- **Observation (O):**

A Conformance that meets the fundamental requirements of the SSI Standard(s) but needs improvement.

If this improvement is not adequately addressed, the Observation could escalate to a Non-Conformance during the next Assessment.

- **Not Applicable (N/A):**

A requirement which cannot be implemented by a site due to the nature of its operations.

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## **Section 3: Detailed Findings Breakdown**

# Findings Breakdown

ESG - GOVERNANCE AND BUSINESS ETHICS							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
1. Business Integrity	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
2. Policy and Management	7	7	7	0	0	0	0
3. Stakeholders and Communities	7	7	7	0	0	0	0
4. Transparency	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5. Responsible Sourcing	5	5	1	1 (*)	0	3 (**) (***) (****)	0
<b>TOTAL COUNT</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

# Governance and Business Ethics

## Non Conformances Overview

### **(\*) 5.1 Responsible sourcing policy — Observation**

During the assessment, the Facility's responsible sourcing framework, including publicly disclosed policies, supplier requirements, and related commitments were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel.

Although the Facility has established responsible sourcing commitments aligned with recognised guidance, these are distributed across multiple documents and are not consistently presented in a clear and easily identifiable manner for external stakeholders.

This results in a Minor Non-Conformance because, while responsible sourcing requirements are defined, their public presentation and accessibility could be improved to ensure clarity and transparency.

The Facility should ensure that its responsible sourcing commitments are clearly structured and easily accessible to external stakeholders, regardless of whether they are presented within a single document or across multiple policies.

### **(\*\*) 5.2 Know Your Customers (KYC) checks — Observation**

During the assessment, the Facility's supplier risk management system, including CAHRA screening procedures, KYC processes, supplier records, and related supporting documentation were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel.

The Facility has established a defined methodology for identifying and assessing CAHRA-related risks, including the use of recognised external data sources and internal screening and review processes. The system also includes documented procedures for supplier evaluation and risk determination. However, while the methodology and processes are defined, the effectiveness and sustained application of CAHRA risk screening across the full supplier base could not be fully verified at the time of assessment.

This results in an Observation because a structured CAHRA risk assessment framework is in place, but ongoing implementation and consistency of application require further confirmation.

The Facility should continue to ensure systematic application of CAHRA screening and maintain sufficient records to demonstrate consistent and sustained implementation of the risk assessment process across its supplier base.

# Governance and Business Ethics

## Non Conformances Overview

### **(\*\*\*) 5.4 Sourcing from high risk areas — Minor non-conformance**

During the assessment, the Facility's responsible sourcing policy framework, including policy documentation, supplier requirements were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel.

The Facility has established and updated responsible sourcing commitments aligned with recognised international guidance, covering relevant ESG and conflict-related risks and applicable to its supply chain.

However, at the time of assessment, the responsible sourcing policy was not consistently maintained in a publicly accessible form reflecting the current version, limiting external transparency of the most up-to-date commitments.

This results in an Observation because, while a responsible sourcing policy framework exists and is implemented internally, public disclosure and version control of the latest policy require further improvement.

The Facility should ensure that its responsible sourcing policy is kept up to date and consistently made publicly available to support transparency and stakeholder accessibility.

### **(\*\*\*\*) 5.5 Management systems — Observation**

During the assessment, the Facility's risk mitigation framework, including supply chain policies, responsible sourcing commitments, and supporting procedures aligned with OECD guidance were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel.

The Facility has established a risk mitigation framework that defines general principles for addressing identified supply chain risks and has updated its documentation to include clearer requirements for response actions, timelines, and monitoring of corrective measures.

However, the effectiveness and practical implementation of the revised risk mitigation approach could not be fully verified at the time of assessment.

This results in an Observation because, while the risk mitigation framework has been strengthened and is aligned with recognised guidance, sustained implementation and effectiveness in practice require further confirmation.

The Facility should continue to implement its risk mitigation framework consistently and maintain evidence demonstrating the application and effectiveness of defined mitigation measures across relevant risk scenarios.

# Findings Breakdown

ESG - ENVIRONMENT							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
6. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Management	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
7. Water Management	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
8. Waste Management	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
9. Pollution Management	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
10. Biodiversity Management	5	5	5	0	0	0	0
11. Circularity	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL COUNT</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Findings Breakdown

ESG - HUMAN AND LABOUR RIGHTS							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
12. Human Rights	7	7	6	0	0	0	1
13. Labour Rights	29	29	23	0	0	2 (*) (**)	4
14. Occupational Health and Safety (Worker's Protection)	16	16	16	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL COUNT</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

# Human and Labour Rights

## Non Conformances Overview

### **(\*) 13.22 Working Hours — Observation**

During the assessment, the attendance records, working hour controls, and supporting documentation were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel responsible for labour management.

The Facility provided recent attendance records for review. The records indicated that working hours and overtime were within applicable legal and standard requirements for the period examined.

However, as the evidence covered a limited timeframe, sustained compliance over a longer period could not be fully verified at the time of the assessment.

This results in an Observation because compliance was demonstrated for the sampled period, but continued monitoring is required to confirm the ongoing effectiveness of controls.

The Facility should continue to monitor working hours and maintain records to demonstrate sustained compliance with applicable requirements over time.

### **(\*\*) 13.26 Wages and benefits — Observation**

During the assessment, the payroll records, attendance records, and salary management procedures were reviewed, and interviews were conducted with relevant personnel responsible for payroll and HR management.

The Facility provided recent payroll records for review. The records indicated that overtime wages were calculated and paid in accordance with applicable legal requirements for the period examined.

However, as the evidence covered a limited timeframe, sustained implementation of compliant payroll practices over a longer period could not be fully verified at the time of the assessment.

This results in an Observation because compliance was demonstrated for the sampled period, but continued monitoring is required to confirm the ongoing effectiveness and consistency of payroll controls.

The Facility should continue to ensure overtime wages are consistently calculated and paid in accordance with applicable legal requirements and maintain records to demonstrate sustained compliance over time.



# Solar Stewardship Initiative: **Section 4: Feedback & Liability**

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