

Solar Stewardship Initiative: **Public Summary Report**

Certificate of System Conformity

SSI Member	Astronergy
Certified Site	Chint Solar Technology (Yueqing) Co., Ltd
Certificate No.	27102022-0016
SSI Standard	Supply Chain Traceability
Assessment Body	TÜV Rheinland
Assessment Type	Initial
Current Grade	Bronze
Traceability System Boundary	Module to Polysilicon
Traceability Management System	Implemented
System Readiness	Verified
Share of Traceable Transactions	Low
Certification Performance Trend	Not applicable
Certificate Issue Date	26/10/2026
Certificate Expiry Date	25/10/2027
Site Certified Since	26/10/2026

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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.

- **Supplementary Assessment**

An additional assessment conducted following an initial traceability assessment where the outcome of initial assessment requires further verification, either due to minor non-conformities (NCs) identified at any stage of the supply chain or because the number of minor NCs exceeds the permitted threshold.

Understanding the Assessment Outcome

Level of Traceability	Conformance Ratings	Corrective Action Plan	Outcome and Score
Quartz	Major NC: 0	None	Gold (No certification awarded until all Minor NC are closed.
	Minor NC: <5	Root Cause Analysis and CAP to be developed by the SSI Manufacturing Members and sent to the AB	
Metallurgical grade silicon (MG-Si)	Major NC: 0	None	Silver
	Minor NC: <5	Root Cause Analysis and CAP to be developed by the SSI Manufacturing Members and sent to the AB	
Polysilicon	Major NC: 0	None	Bronze
	Minor NC: <5	Root Cause Analysis and CAP to be developed by the SSI Manufacturing Members and sent to the AB	

Traceable Transactions Reviewed During the Assessment

The assessment verified that the facility has established the management systems, procedures, and controls required to trace material in accordance with the SSI Supply Chain Traceability Standard. At the time of assessment, traceability was implemented on a transaction-dependent basis, with traceable material flows occurring where customers request SSI-traceable products.

This indicator reflects the proportion of production transactions during the assessment period that were processed as SSI-traceable and therefore available for verification by the assessor.

CATEGORY SHARE OF TRACEABLE TRANSACTIONS REVIEWED INTERPRETATION		
Supply Chain Tier	Supplier Coverage	Traceability Capability
Low	0–10% of transactions	Traceable orders were limited and typically customer-driven. Assessment primarily verified system readiness and traceability procedures.
Medium	10–50% of transactions	Traceable orders represent a meaningful portion of production. Assessors verified multiple traceable production flows.
High	>50% of transactions	Traceable production represents a majority of operations. Traceability is integrated into routine production processes.

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Section 1: Site Information

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CERTIFIED SITE OVERVIEW	
SSI Member	Astronergy
Certified Site	Chint Solar Technology (Yueqing) Co., Ltd
Site Location	No.1 Xinneng Road, Yueqing Bay Harbor Economic Development Zone, Yueqing City, Zhejiang, China
Site Type	Module Manufacturer
Assessment Type	Initial
Assessment Dates	13-14th April 2026
Next Assessment Type	Surveillance Year 1
Next Assessment Due	25/10/2027
Claims	<p>The certified site may communicate its certification status in accordance with the SSI Claims Guide.</p> <p>Claims may be used on company websites, corporate materials, invoices, and contractual documents.</p> <p>Product-level claims are not permitted.</p> <p>Further guidance is available in the SSI Claims Guide.</p>

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This section describes the upstream supply chain tiers covered by the site's traceability management system.

TRACEABILITY SYSTEM SCOPE		
Supply Chain Tier	Supplier Coverage	Traceability Capability
Cell	Approved suppliers identified	Traceability documentation available
Wafer	Approved suppliers identified	Traceability documentation available
Ingot	Approved suppliers identified	Traceability documentation available
Polysilicon	Approved suppliers identified	Traceability documentation available

Clarification: The traceability system enables the facility to track silicon inputs through the supply chain tiers listed above when SSI-traceable transactions occur.

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Section 2: Summary of Findings

Summary Of Findings

OVERVIEW							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
1. Management System and Responsibilities	9	9	7	1	0	0	1
2. Material Accounting System	7	7	5	1	0	0	1
3. Eligible Material	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
4. Outsourced Contractors	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
5. Claims	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNT	25	25	16	2	0	0	7

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

SCT CHAPTER 1 - MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND RESPONSIBILITIES							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
1.1 SSI Membership	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.2 Management System	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.3 Leadership and Management Representation	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.4 Communications and Training	1	1	1	1 (*)	0	0	0
1.5 Record Maintenance	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
1.6 Verification	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.7 Management System Review	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.8 Inconsistencies and complaints	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
1.9 Reporting Obligations	1	1	0	0	0	0	1 (**)
TOTAL COUNT	9	9	7	1	0	0	1

(*)1.4 Communications and Training - Minor non-conformance

The Facility has established a documented training management system, including an annual training plan covering supply chain traceability requirements. Relevant training has been delivered to on-site personnel, with corresponding training records maintained for verification.

However, the assessment identified that post-training evaluation mechanisms are not sufficiently robust to systematically verify personnel understanding and practical competence in applying traceability management requirements. As a result, opportunities to identify competency gaps and deliver targeted refresher or supplementary training remain limited.

This results in a Minor Non-Conformance because, while a basic training system has been established and implemented, the effectiveness verification and competency monitoring processes are not sufficiently developed to demonstrate that all relevant personnel can consistently apply traceability management requirements in their daily operations.

The Facility should strengthen its post-training evaluation mechanisms, establish systematic competency verification and follow-up processes, and provide targeted supplementary training where necessary to ensure personnel proficiency and the effective implementation of the traceability management system.

()1.9 Reporting Obligations -N/A**

The Facility is required to report annual traceability data to the SSI Secretariat in line with the Standard requirements. However, at the time of the assessment, the first reporting deadline had not yet been reached. This results in N/A because the reporting obligation was not applicable during the assessment period. The Facility should ensure systems are in place to comply with reporting requirements by the applicable deadline.

Findings Breakdown

SCT CHAPTER 2 - MATERIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
2.1 Approved Suppliers	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2.2 Internal Material Control	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2.3 Segregation & Labelling	1	1	0	1 (*)	0	0	0
2.4 Reconciliation	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2.5 Documentation	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2.6 Transfer Records	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2.7 Traders	1	1	0	0	0	0	1 (**)
TOTAL COUNT	7	7	5	1	0	0	1

(*)2.3 Segregation & Labelling - Minor non-conformance

The Facility has established documented requirements for the segregation and production of traceable and non-traceable materials.

However, the assessment identified inconsistencies between the documented production requirements and actual on-site production practices. Although alternative operational controls are implemented to prevent material mixing, these practices are not fully aligned with the established procedures.

This represents a Minor Non-Conformance, as effective segregation controls are implemented in practice, while the issue primarily relates to inconsistencies between documented requirements and actual operational arrangements.

The Facility should review and align its documented procedures with actual production practices, ensuring that material segregation controls are clearly defined, consistently implemented, and effective in maintaining traceability integrity.

()2.7 Traders - N/A**

The auditor reviewed supplier records, procurement contracts, and purchasing documentation for the assessment period.

The assessment confirmed that the Facility sourced all in-scope silicon based materials directly from suppliers and did not procure materials through traders.

Therefore, the requirement for trader due diligence was determined to be not applicable for the assessment period.

Findings Breakdown

SCT CHAPTER 3 - ELIGIBLE MATERIAL							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
3.1 Silicon	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNT	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Findings Breakdown

SCT CHAPTER 4 - OUTSOURCED CONTRACTORS							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
4.1 Use of Outsourced Contractors	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
4.2 Material Return	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
4.3 Scope	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
4.4 Records	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
4.5 Encouraging SSI Certification of Outsourced Contractors	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL COUNT	5	5	0	0	0	0	5 (*)

(*) 4.1-4.5 Outsourced Contractors - N/A

The Facility performs all relevant activities internally and does not engage outsourced contractors handling certified or traceable material within the certification scope. Therefore, no outsourcing, material return from external processing, or inclusion of contractors in the certification scope was identified during the assessment. This results in N/A because the requirements related to outsourced contractors are not applicable.

The Facility should ensure appropriate controls, verification processes, and scope inclusion are established if outsourced contractors are engaged in the future.

Findings Breakdown

SCT CHAPTER 5 - CLAIMS							
Topic	TSR	TRA	C	Mi NC	Ma NC	O	N/A
5.1 Use of SSI Logo and Trademarks	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5.2 Accuracy and Documentation of Certification Claims	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5.3 Compliance with the SSI Claims Guide	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COUNT	3	3	3	0	0	0	0

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Section 4: Feedback & Liability

Stakeholder Feedback and Certification Notice

The Solar Stewardship Initiative (SSI) welcomes comments and feedback from all stakeholders regarding this Public Summary Report and the associated certification.

Stakeholders may submit comments, concerns, or relevant information related to a certified facility or the application of the SSI Standards at any time.

Feedback can be submitted to:
contact@solarstewardshipinitiative.org

All submissions will be reviewed in accordance with SSI's procedures for complaints, disputes, and stakeholder engagement.

Limitation of Liability

Certification under the SSI Supply Chain Traceability Standard confirms that, at the time of assessment, the certified site demonstrated conformity with the requirements of the applicable SSI Standard within the defined certification scope.

SSI certification does not constitute a guarantee of ongoing performance, product quality, or compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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SSI does not assume liability for actions taken by certified entities or third parties based on certification status.

Certification Validity

The validity of this certification is subject to the certified site maintaining ongoing conformity with the applicable SSI Standard and successfully completing required surveillance and recertification assessments within the defined certification cycle.

Certification status may be suspended, withdrawn, or modified if non-conformances are not adequately addressed or if certification requirements are no longer met.

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