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MODERATOR: Ladies and gentlemen, Chairman Fred Hochberg and the 2010 Export-Import Bank Award Winners Fabianne Demol, Luis Arguello and John Baumstark.

[Applause.]

JOHN BAUMSTARK: Thank you. When President Obama laid out his plan to rebuild and restore America in his State of The Union Address in January, a key element was to double exports over the next five years to support the much-needed job growth in America and as America's only manufacturer of high-efficiency mono-crystalline solar cells, Suniva is proud to be doing its part to help make this vision and the theme of this conference, Powering Jobs, Sales and Profits Through Exports, a reality.

Last year Suniva exported more than 90 percent of its production to Asia and to Europe. That's right. Even Chinese customers are buying Suniva's U.S.-made solar cells and that's helped us to build a diverse workplace and to create a 150 direct jobs right here in the U.S. with 500 more direct jobs coming at our new Michigan plant next year.
JOHN BAUMSTARK: And I might add that that's been in the last two and a half years, so hopefully there will be many more coming, and, in addition to those direct jobs here in the U.S., there's been a lot of indirect jobs that have supported the company through three expansions in the last two and a half years. Those are construction and engineering jobs, logistics and supply chain jobs, just to name a few.

In this era of global competition, Suniva is extremely proud to help the President fulfill his aggressive trade agenda. We also appreciate that the business community recognizes these accomplishments and on behalf of the entire Suniva team, I'm pleased to accept the Ex-Im Renewable Energy Exporter of The Year Award.

Thank you, Export-Import Bank.

JOHN BAUMSTARK: And speaking of honors, it's with deep respect and tremendous humility that I introduce the leader of our nation, ladies and gentlemen, President Barack Obama.
[Applause.]