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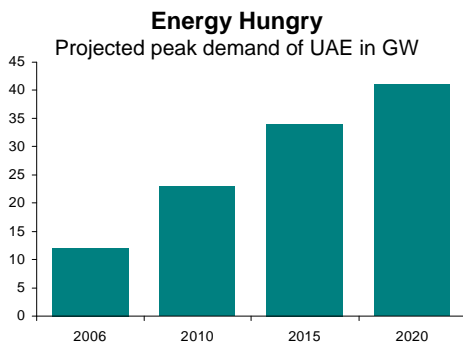
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Abu Dhabi Seeks Its Place In The Sun

Awash in cash and sunshine – and not much else – Persian Gulf Emirate seeks its place in the sun

Setting renewable goals has become fashionable. The latest to join the club is the oil rich emirate of **Abu Dhabi** in Persian Gulf, with a 7% renewable target by 2020.

In early June, the emirates reported the completion of a major PV installation for **Masdar City**, the world's first carbon neutral, zero waste city to be fully powered by renewable energy (*Abu Dhabi's Masdar Project: Desert Miracle Or Mirage?* May 09). The 55 acre installation, comprising of some 88,000 photovoltaic modules, is to feed the special economic zone with carbon-free electricity.



Source: UAE

Now the emirate wants to host the headquarters of **International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**. Formed in January 09, the 83-member agency was looking at Austria, Germany and Denmark – until the bid from Abu Dhabi came through (*IRENA: Do We Need Yet Another Energy Agency?* Mar 09). The emirate does not have a lot of technical talent to offer but is has plenty of cash and sunshine. And housing a renewable energy agency in a special economic zone powered 100% from renewable energy does have some appeal. ■

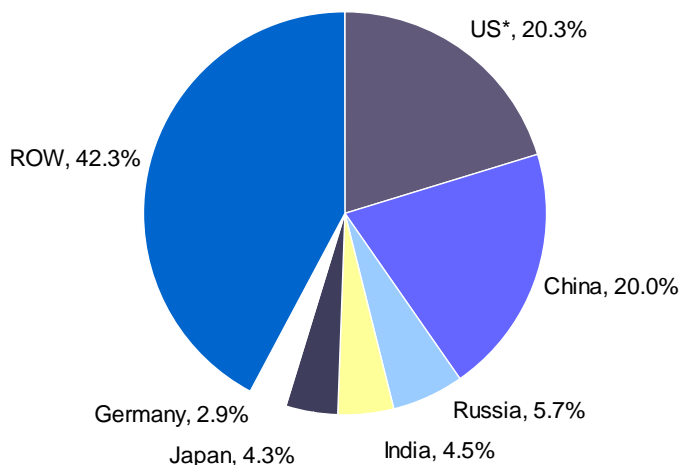
China Talks Tough As Prelude To Copenhagen

Climate change negotiators are going to have a tough time in December

With the UN-sponsored conference on climate change only months away, the rich and the poor countries around the world are posturing and preparing their respective positions for what promises to be tough negotiations in Copenhagen in December. Already a rift has appeared among the developed and developing countries that will be hard to bridge.

It's a global problem that requires domestic commitment

Global CO2 emissions, 2006, %



* China surpassed the US in 2007 in total greenhouse gas emissions
Source: Compiled from various sources

Delegates from 182 countries met in early June in Bonn, Germany to draft an agreement to replace Kyoto Protocols, which expires in 2012 in preparation for the big meeting in Copenhagen in December.

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