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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of August 2010

Commission File Number: 001-33107

CANADIAN SOLAR INC.

No. 199 Lushan Road Suzhou New District Suzhou, Jiangsu 215129 People's Republic of China (Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CANADIAN SOLAR INC.

By: /s/ Shawn (Xiaohua) Qu

Name: Shawn (Xiaohua) Qu Title: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 20, 2010

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Exhibit 99.1 — Press Release



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Canadian Solar Reports 1Q10 Unaudited Financial Results and FY09 Audited Financial Results

The Company previously released its 4Q09 unaudited financial results in its press release dated March 3, 2010 and subsequently disclosed in its press release dated June 1, 2010 that it may revise such numbers. This release supersedes the March 3, 2010 release. The 4Q09 results disclosed herein are referred to as "revised" results.

1Q10 Highlights

- Net revenues of \$336.9 million for 1Q10, compared to revised net revenues of \$254.2 million for 4Q09.
- Shipments of 185.0 MW for 1Q10, compared to revised shipments of 141.2 MW for 4Q09.
- Gross margin of 12.4% for 1Q10 compared to revised gross margin of 9.5% for 4Q09.
- Net income of \$0.04 per diluted share for 1Q10, compared to revised net loss of \$0.38 per diluted share for 4Q09.

Ontario, Canada, August 19, 2010 — Canadian Solar Inc. (the "Company", "we" or "Canadian Solar") (NASDAQ: CSIQ), one of the world's largest solar companies, today announced its audited financial results for 2009, its unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2010 and its outlook for the second quarter and full year 2010.

Net revenues for the first quarter of 2010 were \$336.9 million, compared to net revenues of \$254 million for the fourth quarter of 2009 and net revenues of \$49.5 million for the first quarter of 2009.

Net income for the first quarter of 2010 was \$1.5 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$15.6 million, or \$0.38 per diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2009 and a net loss of \$4.8 million, or \$0.13 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2009.

Shipments for the first quarter of 2010 were 185.0 MW, compared to shipments of 141.2 MW for the fourth quarter of 2009 and shipments of 18.0 MW for the first quarter of 2009. The Company's sales came from the key solar industry markets worldwide, with Europe continuing to be the Company's largest contributing geographic market.

1Q10 unaudited financial results and 2009 audited financial results include the following major changes, provisions and allowances compared with the results announced on March 3, 2010:

- Provision for loss on firm purchase commitment under a wafer supply agreement: In 4Q09, we recorded a contingent liability for a loss of \$13.8 million on firm purchase commitment under our wafer supply agreement with Deutsche Solar AG for 2009 and 2010. We are in discussions with Deutsche Solar to amend the terms of this contract. For 1Q10, we accrued a further contingent liability for a loss of \$2.0 million on this purchase commitment. These loss provisions were recorded as a component of cost of revenues.
- 2. <u>Allowance for advances to suppliers under long-term wafer supply agreements</u>: We have given notice to terminate our two long-term wafer supply agreements with LDK Solar Co. Ltd. and in July 2010 we initiated arbitration proceedings to recover the outstanding \$8.8 million

advance payments we made to LDK under these contracts. In 4Q09, we made a provision against the outstanding balance and recorded it as a component of 4Q09 operating expenses.

- 3. <u>Increase in allowance for doubtful accounts</u>: We recorded an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$18.0 million as of December 31, 2009 mainly due to subsequent events involving two customers after the Company's 4Q09 press announcement on March 3, 2010. However, we also recorded a receivable from a credit insurance company amounting to \$7.1 million as of December 31, 2009 and a corresponding reduction in bad debt expense in 4Q09. The net increase in bad debt expense after the Company's 4Q09 pre-announcement on March 3, 2010 is \$7.9 million.
- 4. <u>Changes in 4Q09 revenue, gross profit and operating income</u>: For certain customers from whom collection of payment could not be reasonably assured as of December 31, 2009, we will only recognize revenue on the date that such collection can be assured. As a result, we expect that \$21.0 million of products shipped in 4Q09 will be recognized in future quarters when cash is collected.
- 5. <u>Sales Return Reserve</u>: In 4Q09, we began accruing a sales return reserve against our revenues. For 4Q09, we accrued 3.3% of revenues, or \$8.5 million, and for 1Q10 we accrued 3.3% of revenues, or \$10.7 million, in sales return reserves.
- 6. <u>Tax Provisions</u>: In 4Q09, we had a tax benefit of \$5.7 million, mainly due to the above items.
- In summary, including the above our 4Q09 net revenues were reduced by \$32.8 million and our 4Q09 net income by \$30.4 million.
- 8. <u>Foreign Exchange Loss (Gain)</u>: In 1Q10, we incurred a foreign exchange loss (net of hedging effects) of \$15.9 million, less than our original guidance of \$18 million to \$20 million.

| Revenue by Geography | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| | | | | | 4Q | 2009 | FY | 2009 | | |
| Region | 1Q 2010 | | 1Q 2009 | | (revised) | | (revised) | | FY 2008 | |
| | US\$M | % | US\$M | % | US\$M | % | US\$M | % | US\$M | % |
| Europe | 298.2 | 88.5% | 36.0 | 72.7% | 233.3 | 91.8% | 523.0 | 82.9% | 631.1 | 89.5% |
| America | 19.1 | 5.7% | 2.7 | 5.5% | 5.30 | 2.1% | 37.0 | 5.9% | 32.3 | 4.6% |
| Asia and others | 19.6 | 5.8% | 10.8 | 21.8% | 15.6 | 6.1% | 71.0 | 11.3% | 42 | <u> </u> |
| Total | 336.9 | 100.0% | 49.5 | 100.0% | 254.2 | 100.0% | 631.0 | 100.0% | 705.0 | 100.0% |

Revenue by Geography

Recent Developments

- <u>Audit Committee Investigation:</u> The Company's audit committee has conducted an investigation into certain transactions identified in the subpoena issued to the Company by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The audit committee has concluded that the transactions identified in the SEC subpoena were properly accounted for in the Company's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2009 filed with the SEC. Absent new information coming to light, the audit committee investigation has been concluded.
- <u>Ontario Module Plant</u>: The Company has selected the site for our 200 MW module plant in Guelph, Ontario. Production is expected to begin at this site early next year.
- <u>Resignations</u>: The Company announces the resignations of Mike Miskovsky, V.P., U.S. Sales and Greg Ashley, Acting President for our U.S. subsidiary. The Company sincerely appreciates their contributions and wishes them success in their future careers.

Business Outlook

The outlook below is based on the Company's current views with respect to operating and market conditions, and its current order book and customer' forecasts, which are subject to change. The risks to our outlook also include changes in foreign exchange, product and materials pricing and the project financing environment.

- <u>2Q10 Guidance</u>: For 2Q10, we expect shipments of approximately 173 MW to 177 MW, with margins of approximately 13.5% to 14.5%. Although we hedged approximately 90% of our 2Q10 cash flow, we expect a foreign exchange loss for the quarter (net of hedging effects) in the range of approximately \$10 million to \$12 million.
- <u>2H10 Guidance</u>: We believe that margins may improve in the second half of 2010 due to our increased vertical integration and improvements in our processing costs, provided that there is no further depreciation in the Euro or further increases in raw materials prices.
- <u>Full-year Guidance</u>: For the full year 2010, we are reiterating our shipments guidance of approximately 700 MW to 800 MW.
- Increased internal cell production to reduce costs and increase visibility: We are ramping up our new cell lines to reach our 3Q10 target of 720 MW of cell production capacity. In 4Q10, we plan to increase our internal cell capacity from 720 MW to 800 MW through process improvements. In 2011, we expect to further increase our cell production capacity by 500 MW, of which 200 MW will be enhanced selective emitter capacity and 300 MW will be high conversion efficiency multicrystalline cell lines. This will bring our total cell production capacity to 1.3 GW. We expect the higher efficiency cells to result in lower processing costs and greater customer interest. We expect the addition of cell production capacity to have a significant beneficial impact on our gross margins.
- <u>Wafer Capacity</u>: We believe we have resolved the issues with respect to our ingot and wafer operation. In recent months, we have been approaching industry leading processing costs and yields. As a result, we plan to expand our ingot capacity from 300 MW and our wafering capacity from 150 MW to approximately 350 MW each in 2011.

Dr. Shawn Qu, Chairman and CEO of Canadian Solar, remarked: "Demand remains very strong in key solar markets worldwide and we continue to gain share or take a leadership position in many new, developing markets. Given current events, we are taking the opportunity to further strengthen our internal controls and procedures to better match our current global market position and to support the ongoing growth we expect from large, well-established customers as well as newer industry participants. Our management also remains focused on our internal cell and wafer expansion. This expansion is consistent with our broader efforts to focus on higher margin products, while also striving to reduce our processing costs. Overall, we are very optimistic looking forward and expect continued growth in revenues, and improvement in gross margins and profitability."

Investor Conference Call / Webcast Details

The Company will hold a conference call to discuss its financial results for the first quarter of 2010, audited financial results for 2009 and business outlook. The conference call will be held Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. U.S. Eastern Time (5:00 a.m. August 20, 2010 in Hong Kong). The dial-in phone number is +1-617-213-8842, with passcode 56014742. A live webcast of the conference call will also be available on Canadian Solar's website at www.canadiansolar.com.

A replay of the call will be available approximately one hour after the conclusion of the live call through 7:00 p.m. on August 26, 2010, U.S. Eastern Time (7:00 a.m., August 27, 2010 in Hong Kong) by telephone at +1-617-801-6888. To access the replay, use passcode 29237944. A webcast replay will also be available at <u>www.canadiansolar.com</u>.

About Canadian Solar Inc. (NASDAQ: CSIQ)

Canadian Solar Inc. is one of the world's largest solar companies. As a leading vertically integrated provider of ingot, wafer, solar cell, solar module and other solar applications, Canadian Solar designs, manufactures and delivers solar products and solar system solutions for on-grid and off-grid use to customers worldwide. With operations in North America, Europe and Asia, Canadian Solar provides premium quality, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly solar solutions to support global, sustainable development. For more information, visit <u>www.canadiansolar.com</u>.

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Safe Harbor/Forward-Looking Statements:

Certain statements in this press release including statements regarding our expected revenue recognition, expected future shipment volumes, gross and net margins, manufacturing capacities and cell conversion efficiencies, are forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. These statements are made under the "Safe Harbor" provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by such terms as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates," the negative of these terms, or other comparable terminology. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include the risks regarding the previously disclosed SEC and internal investigations as well as general business and economic conditions and the state of the solar industry; governmental support for the deployment of solar power; future available supplies of high-purity silicon; demand for end-use products by consumers and inventory levels of such products in the supply chain; changes in demand from significant customers; changes in demand from major markets such as Germany; changes in customer order patterns; changes in product mix; capacity utilization; level of competition; pricing pressure and declines in average selling prices; delays in new product introduction; continued success in technological innovations and delivery of products with the features customers demand; shortage in supply of materials or capacity requirements; availability of financing; exchange rate fluctuations; litigation and other risks as described in the Company's SEC filings, including its annual report on Form 20-F filed on August 19, 2010. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in the forward looking statements are reasonable, it cannot guarantee future results, level of activity, performance, or achievements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. All information provided in this press release is as of today's date, unless otherwise stated, and Canadian Solar undertakes no duty to update such information, except as required under applicable law.

Canadian Solar Inc. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In Thousands of U.S. Dollars, Except Share And Per Share Data And Unless Otherwise Stated)

| Item | 2010 Q1 | 2009 Q1 | 2009 Q4 | 2009 1~12 | 2008 1~12 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | | (revised) | (revised) | | |
| Net revenues | 336,931 | 49,465 | 254,194 | 630,961 | 705,006 | |
| Cost of revenues | 295,018 | 53,360 | 230,008 | 552,856 | 633,998 | |
| Gross profit (loss) | 41,913 | (3,895) | 24,186 | 78,105 | 71,008 | |
| Selling expenses | 10,698 | 1,881 | 10,415 | 22,089 | 10,608 | |
| General and administrative | | | | | | |
| expenses | 8,174 | 4,518 | 28,069 | 46,324 | 34,510 | |
| Research and development | | | | | | |
| expenses | 1,834 | 470 | 1,217 | 3,180 | 1,825 | |
| Total operating expenses | 20,706 | 6,869 | 39,701 | 71,593 | 46,943 | |
| Income (loss) from operations | 21,207 | (10,764) | (15,515) | 6,512 | 24,065 | |
| Interest expenses | (3,862) | (2,254) | (2,794) | (9,459) | (12,201) | |
| Interest income | 1,395 | 563 | 916 | 5,084 | 3,531 | |
| Gain on debt extinguishment | _ | | | — | 2,429 | |
| Debt conversion expenses | — | _ | — | _ | (10,170 | |
| Investment income | _ | _ | 1,788 | 1,788 | 0 | |
| Gain on change in fair value of | | | | | | |
| derivatives | 536 | 11,366 | 935 | 9,870 | 14,455 | |
| Exchange (loss) gain | (16,438) | (2,875) | (5,146) | 7,681 | (19,989) | |
| Income (loss) before taxes | 2,838 | (3,964) | (19,816) | 21,476 | 2,120 | |
| Income tax expenses (benefit) | 1,454 | 820 | (4,388) | (1,302) | 9,654 | |
| Net income (loss) | 1,384 | (4,784) | (15,428) | 22,778 | (7,534) | |
| Less: Net income (loss) | | | | | | |
| attributable to Non-controlling | | | | | | |
| interest | (113) | | 157 | 132 | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to | | | | | | |
| CSI | 1,497 | (4,784) | (15,585) | 22,646 | (7,534) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share | \$ 0.04 | \$ (0.13) | \$ (0.38) | \$ 0.61 | \$ (0.24 | |
| Basic weighted average | | | | | | |
| outstanding shares | 42,755,446 | 35,765,185 | 41,349,901 | 37,102,723 | 31,566,503 | |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | \$ 0.03 | \$ (0.13) | \$ (0.38) | \$ 0.60 | \$ (0.24 | |
| Diluted weighted average | | | | | | |
| outstanding shares | 43,974,827 | 35,765,185 | 41,349,901 | 37,743,464 | 31,566,503 | |

Canadian Solar Inc. Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In Thousands of U.S. Dollars)

| Assets Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Inventories Value added tax recoverable Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets Current assets — subtotal | March 31, 2010 | December 31, 2009 (revised) |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Inventories Value added tax recoverable Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | | |
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| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Inventories Value added tax recoverable Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | 174,481 | 160,111 |
| Inventories Value added tax recoverable Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | 259,077 | 179,390 |
| Value added tax recoverable Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | 224,313 | 151,549 |
| Advances to suppliers Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | 173,299 | 164,313 |
| Foreign currency derivative assets Prepaid and other current assets | 30,091 | 39,495 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 11,242 | 17,264 |
| · · | 236 | 0 |
| Current assets — subtotal | 39,667 | 41,865 |
| | 912,406 | 753,987 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 223,003 | 217,136 |
| Intangible assets | 1,840 | 1,824 |
| Advances to suppliers | 35,555 | 35,210 |
| Prepaid land use right | 13,184 | 12,535 |
| Investments | 7,102 | 7,101 |
| Deferred tax assets — non current | 11,398 | 10,910 |
| Total assets | 1,204,488 | 1,038,703 |
| Liabilities and equity | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Short term borrowings | 375,268 | 251,702 |
| Accounts payable | 93,696 | 92,271 |
| Notes payable | 137,988 | 105,218 |
| Other payables | 30,846 | 34,724 |
| Advances from customers | 7,695 | 3,644 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 261 | 261 |
| Foreign currency derivative liabilities | 223 | 523 |
| Provision for firm purchase commitment | 15,763 | 13,823 |
| Other current liabilities | 13,491 | 12,775 |
| Current liabilities — subtotal | 675,231 | 514,941 |
| Accrued warranty costs | 20,263 | 16,900 |
| Liability for uncertain tax positions | 11,116 | 10,705 |
| Convertible notes | 876 | 866 |
| Long term borrowings | 27,833 | 29,290 |
| Total liabilities | 735,319 | 572,702 |
| Common shares | 500,774 | 500,322 |
| Additional paid in capital | (59,963) | (61,269) |
| Retained earnings | 13,039 | 11,542 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 15,156 | 15,121 |
| Total Canadian Solar Inc. stockholders' equity | 469,006 | |
| Non-controlling interest | , | 465,716 |
| Total equity | 163 | 465,716 285 |
| Total liabilities and equity | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |