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Saf-T-Gard International, Inc. Invests in Solar with Verde Solutions

Saf-T-Gard's new rooftop solar installation reflects the company's commitment to protecting people and the planet while strengthening sustainability and investing in the future

September 2, 2026 – NORTHBROOK, IL – For more than nine decades, **Saf-T-Gard International, Inc.** has helped organizations create safer workplaces through its innovative personal protective equipment (PPE) and industrial safety solutions. Today, the company is extending that commitment beyond workplace safety with a significant investment made in renewable energy, reflecting a growing trend among forward-thinking organizations that are reducing operating costs, improving energy resilience, and advancing sustainability goals through onsite renewable energy.

In partnership with **Verde Solutions**, **Saf-T-Gard's** new 331.7 kW-DC rooftop solar system features 567 solar modules and four inverters helping to power **Saf-T-Gard's** operations with clean, renewable energy, and represents another step in the company's ongoing dedication to responsible business practices and environmental stewardship. The system is expected to generate approximately 11.7 million kilowatt-hours of clean electricity over its projected 30-year lifespan while offsetting an estimated 7,856 metric tons of CO₂ emissions.

"**Saf-T-Gard** recognized an opportunity to make a long-term investment in both its business and the environment," said Christopher Gersch, Founder and CEO, **Verde Solutions**. "Projects like this demonstrate what's possible when organizations take advantage of today's solar incentives and pair them with a long-term vision. Commercial solar continues to deliver meaningful financial and environmental benefits, and we're proud to help companies like **Saf-T-Gard** turn those opportunities into reality."

While the rooftop solar installation represents an important milestone, **Saf-T-Gard's** commitment to sustainability began well before the first solar panel was installed. Several years ago, the company replaced its facility lighting with energy-efficient LED systems, which generally provide significant energy savings along with longer operating life and reduced maintenance requirements. More recently, **Saf-T-Gard** replaced its HVAC system with newer, more energy-efficient equipment. The company also bales scrap corrugated cardboard suitable for recycling, helping divert additional material from the waste stream.

One of **Saf-T-Gard's** most distinctive sustainability initiatives, however, comes directly from its **electrical safety** operations. As the largest, independent, NAIL4PET-accredited test lab, **Saf-T-Gard's Voltgard® Test Lab** regularly tests and recertifies **rubber insulating gloves, sleeves, blankets,** and other electrical protective equipment to help ensure these critical products maintain their effectiveness. Products that fail testing can no longer be used. Rather than sending that material to a landfill, **Saf-T-Gard** works with a rubber recycler that grinds the retired rubber for reuse in applications such as playground surfaces and sports-field underlayment. By way of this initiative, more than 200,000 pounds of scrap rubber have been diverted from landfills and given a useful second life.

Throughout the project, the **Verde Solutions** team gained a deeper appreciation for **Saf-T-Gard's** expertise in **electrical safety** that is relied upon by the professionals who build, maintain, and power critical infrastructure every day. That connection revealed a natural alignment between the two organizations: while **Saf-T-Gard** helps protect the people doing critical work every day, **Verde Solutions** helps organizations make energy investments designed to strengthen their operations and reduce their environmental impact for years to come. For **Saf-T-Gard**, that philosophy of long-term responsibility is particularly meaningful during its 90th anniversary year.

"For 90 years, **Saf-T-Gard** has been committed to protecting what matters most—the people who rely on us to help keep them safe on the job," said Richard Rivkin, Chairman and CEO of **Saf-T-Gard**. "As a fourth-generation family business, we also understand the importance of looking beyond today. Our investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and recycling reflect our commitment to operating responsibly and helping protect the environment for the generations that will follow us."

To commemorate the successful completion of the rooftop solar project, **Saf-T-Gard** and **Verde Solutions** hosted a "Solarbration" at **Saf-T-Gard's** Northbrook headquarters, bringing together company leadership, employees, business and community leaders, project partners, and government representatives. Attendees heard remarks from **Saf-T-Gard** Chairman and CEO Richard Rivkin; Christopher Gersch, Founder and CEO of **Verde Solutions**; Kathi Quinn of the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce; and Talia Grossman from the Office of U.S. Congressman Brad Schneider. The celebration recognized not only the culmination of the solar installation, but also the shared commitment of **Saf-T-Gard** and **Verde Solutions** to responsible business practices and investments capable of delivering benefits well into the future.

As **Saf-T-Gard** celebrates 90 years of bringing workers home safely, its history provides plenty to recall. However, its investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and waste reduction provide even more reason to look forward as **Saf-T-Gard** continues to invest in a safer, more sustainable future for the generations ahead.

About Saf-T-Gard International, Inc.

Located in Northbrook, Illinois, **Saf-T-Gard International, Inc.** is a privately-held family-owned and operated global supplier of industrial safety products. Founded in 1936 as Latex Glove Manufacturing Company, **Saf-T-Gard** quickly evolved into a predominant manufacturer, distributor, importer, and exporter of personal protective equipment, environmental safety, **facility safety**, **first aid**, public safety, and **electrical safety**. Today, **Saf-T-Gard** carries on the tradition that was started more than 90 years ago: Bringing customers the products, training, and service they need to keep employees safe in the workplace. **Saf-T-Gard** is an active member of the National Safety Council (NSC), ASTM International (ASTM), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), Affiliated Distributors (AD), and the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA) committees responsible for the development of industry standards for protective equipment. **Saf-T-Gard** provides thousands of solutions from recognized brand names in addition to its renowned line of proprietary brands. **Saf-T-Gard** actively operates the **Voltgard® Test Lab**, one of the largest, independent, NAIL4PET-accredited test labs for rubber insulating products in the United States. To learn more, please visit **www.saftgard.com** or call 1-800-548-GARD (4273).

About Verde Solutions

Verde Solutions is a national leader in turnkey sustainable energy solutions, helping businesses, municipalities, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations reduce energy costs and achieve their sustainability goals. Since 2009, **Verde** has completed more than 2,900 projects across 48 states, delivering customized solutions including commercial solar, battery energy storage systems (BESS), electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and energy procurement strategies. By combining technical expertise with a client-first approach, **Verde Solutions** develops innovative energy solutions that create long-term economic, environmental, and community impact.

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