



**City of Stratford/Aspen Woods Group
Official Press Release**

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Aspen Woods Group Inc.—a New York-based leader in renewable energy innovation—and **The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon LLC** have announced an exclusive technological partnership aimed at accelerating the global transition to renewable energy. The partnership, recently formalized by Aspen Woods CEO and Founder Rishi Zala and The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon Executive Vice President Valentino Loforese, highlights a shared commitment to sustainability and innovation within the energy sector.

Transformative Investment in Stratford, Texas

The collaboration includes a significant investment over the coming years to establish and expand a state-of-the-art solar manufacturing facility in Stratford, Texas. The 170-acre site, strategically located off Highway 287 northwest of Stratford, will create over 700 jobs and serve as a cornerstone for solar energy production across North America. This facility will produce advanced solar products, such as the **660W TOPCon Solar Panel**, the **520W Flexible Solar Panel**, and the **HCPV Solar Module**, tailored for large-scale energy projects.

“We are thrilled to embark on this transformative partnership with The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon LLC and bring our vision to life in Stratford, Texas,” said Rishi Zala, CEO of Aspen Woods Group. “After a rigorous selection process evaluating numerous communities, Stratford stood out for its central location, excellent transportation infrastructure, and the professionalism of its leadership. The support and dedication from SCDC Director Kathy Allen, SCDC President Marsha Wright, Mayor Greg Wright, City Manager Tommy Bogart, and the Stratford City Council were pivotal in our decision.”

Stratford's Strategic Advantage

Stratford, situated in the Texas Panhandle, was chosen not only for its logistical benefits but also for the enthusiastic support from local and state entities. The State of Texas, represented by Business & Community Development Director Larry McManus and Deputy Director Annie Dennis, has played a vital role in facilitating the project's smooth implementation.

"Today marks the beginning of an exciting partnership with Aspen Woods and The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon LLC, positioning Stratford as a key player in the global renewable energy landscape," said Mayor Greg Wright. "This initiative represents a transformative chapter for our community, underscoring our commitment to sustainable economic growth."

A Shared Commitment to Sustainability

Aspen Woods Group Inc., founded in 2019 in the United States, focuses on simplifying the shift to renewable energy through innovative solar solutions designed to meet both present and future energy needs. Its product portfolio includes solar panels for large-scale applications, EV charging solutions, and commercial battery systems, with installations already underway in Stratford.

The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon LLC, a global leader in decarbonization and renewable energy solutions, offers a wide range of services, including carbon credit production, technology hubs, engineering centers, and a digital platform for global carbon credit exchange. The company's expertise spans solar energy and other areas, reinforcing its commitment to driving sustainable innovation worldwide.

The partnership between Aspen Woods Group Inc. and The Rob Rockefeller Standard Carbon LLC, and the City of Stratford represents a pivotal step in advancing renewable energy solutions on a global scale. By establishing a cutting-edge solar manufacturing facility in Stratford, Texas, the collaboration not only strengthens North America's solar energy infrastructure but also reinforces the shared vision of sustainability, innovation, and economic growth.