



## Where do we get our other components such as solar panels, batteries, switches and wire?

We have been purchasing our solar panels through Free Energy Europe, a company in France that shipped worldwide. However, due to the economic recession worldwide, Free Energy is unfortunately closing down. We are currently seeking another supplier of 5 watt panels (May, 2010).

We purchase batteries from a distributor in the Dominican Republic, but the batteries are high quality, recently manufactured CSB batteries (CSB is a U.S.-based company).

We purchase our wire (and everything else except the lamps, controller and solar panel) in the Dominican Republic.

The switches are Tocino (Italian), but are made in Costa Rica.

Fortunately, we do not pay customs duty on the solar panels because the organization with whom we work in the D.R. is a nonprofit NGO and can obtain a waiver on duty. It is highly recommended that your organization make the same kind of arrangement if possible.

