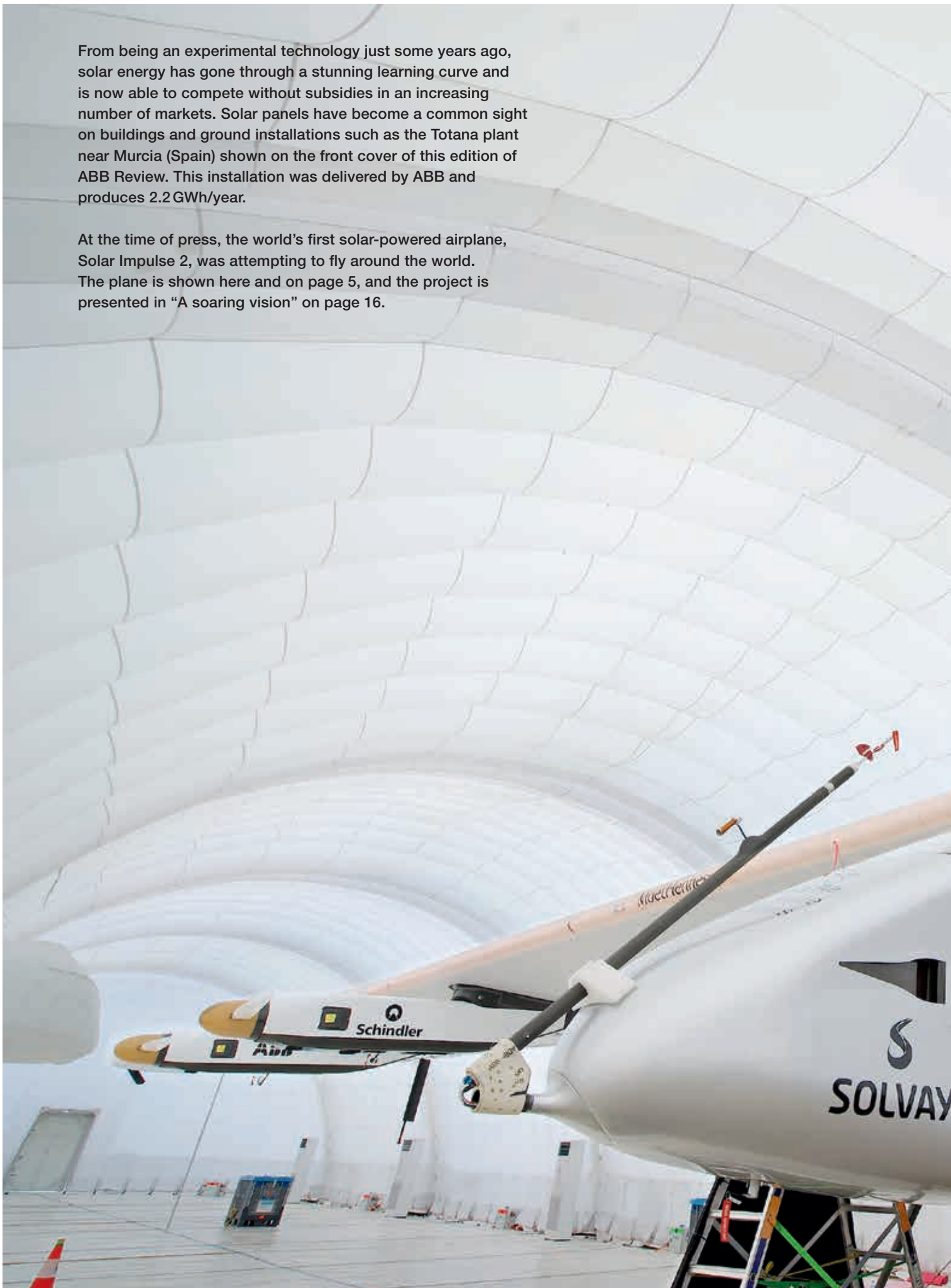


From being an experimental technology just some years ago, solar energy has gone through a stunning learning curve and is now able to compete without subsidies in an increasing number of markets. Solar panels have become a common sight on buildings and ground installations such as the Totana plant near Murcia (Spain) shown on the front cover of this edition of ABB Review. This installation was delivered by ABB and produces 2.2 GWh/year.

At the time of press, the world's first solar-powered airplane, Solar Impulse 2, was attempting to fly around the world. The plane is shown here and on page 5, and the project is presented in "A soaring vision" on page 16.



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