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White Rock Solar Farm Launches Local Business Participation Program

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White Rock Solar Farm has launched the Local Business Participation Program to maximise opportunities for local suppliers to participate in the project.

White Rock Solar Farm has adopted a three-stage process to maximise local participation and local economic benefits:

1. Under the first stage of the Local Business Participation Program, White Rock Solar Farm are seeking expressions of interest for 15 different work packages ranging from fencing to civil construction of on-site roads. The project has been listed on ICN Gateway and companies with an ABN are encouraged to register their interest via the ICN website.
2. Stage Two will be an Industry Briefing in Glen Innes on Thursday 15 June 2017 (*see the project website for more details and to RSVP*). The Industry Briefing will provide local businesses with additional information about the available work packages and the process of bidding for subcontracting or supply opportunities.
3. Stage Three, is the engagement stage where the main contractor for the project, UGL, will engage suppliers and subcontractors. Stage Three spans the phases of the project design and construction and the transition into the operations phase.

Construction of White Rock Solar Farm is planned to commence in July 2017, with a target for completion in January 2018. The project investment of \$41.4 million is receiving \$5.4 million funding support provided by Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) through its large-scale solar competitive round. The main engineering, procurement and construction contract has been awarded to UGL, a member of the CIMIC Group. The project expects to employ up to 75 people on site at its construction peak and 3 people as ongoing operational and maintenance staff.

The development is a solar-wind hybrid renewable energy facility for the New England Tablelands. The solar farm is expected to generate around 44,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity in the first year of operation, enough to supply the equivalent of approximately 7,200 average NSW homes. The project is designed to benefit significantly from sharing part of the wind farm infrastructure, including the grid connection and access tracks. Co-location of wind and solar provides numerous benefits such as complementary energy generation patterns, and reduced environmental impacts and project cost.



About White Rock Solar Farm

The \$41.4 million White Rock Solar Farm project is a 20 MW AC development to be located adjacent to the northern end of White Rock Wind Farm in the New England Tablelands, approximately 18 km west of Glen Innes and about 500 km north of Sydney.

Development Consent was secured for the project in June 2016 and the project was successful in the ARENA Large-scale Solar Competitive Round in September 2016. Elements of the White Rock Solar Farm infrastructure will be shared with White Rock Wind Farm, including grid connection, access tracks and some internal electrical cabling.

About Goldwind

Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co., Ltd. is one of the largest manufacturers of wind turbines in the world. It is the largest supplier of turbines in the Asia-Pacific, having installed 6.4GW of wind turbine capacity in 2016 and cumulatively over 38GW globally.

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Goldwind has established itself in Australia as the turbine and maintenance supplier to a number of established wind farms including Morton’s Lane, Gullen Range, and White Rock, as well as providing these services to the upcoming projects in New South Wales and Victoria. Goldwind is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code 002202) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (stock code 2208).

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