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ENEL LANDS IN AUSTRALIA WITH COUNTRY'S LARGEST SOLAR PV PROJECT

- *A joint venture between Enel Green Power and Dutch Infrastructure Fund has closed the agreement for the purchase of the first 137.5 MW¹ of the 275 MW¹ Bungala Solar PV project from local developer Reach Solar Energy, with the purchase of the second phase expected to be closed in the third quarter of this year*
- *The joint venture's total investment in Bungala Solar, which is currently Australia's largest ready-to-build PV project, is around 315 million US dollars, including project construction, with Enel contributing around 157 million US dollars. The total investment will be financed through a mix of equity and project finance with a consortium of banks*
- *Construction work on the first 137.5 MW¹ of the project is expected to start by mid-2017 with the overall 275 MW¹ project becoming fully operational by the third quarter of 2018*
- *The Bungala Solar project is fully contracted with a long-term PPA with the Australian utility Origin Energy*
- *Australia's abundance of renewable resources, a growing demand for renewable energy and its network infrastructure, supported by a stable regulatory framework, make it an attractive market for Enel's business development activities*

Rome, April 10th, 2017 – Enel, through a joint venture between the Group's fully-owned renewable energy subsidiary Enel Green Power S.p.A. ("EGP") and Dutch Infrastructure Fund ("DIF"), has closed an agreement to acquire Bungala Solar One, the first 137.5 MW¹ phase of the 275 MW¹ Bungala Solar PV project, which is currently the largest ready-to-build solar PV project in Australia, from Bungala Solar Holding Pty Ltd., a subsidiary of Australian developer Reach Solar Energy Pty Ltd.

The purchase of Bungala Solar Two, the second phase of the project, is expected to be closed in the third quarter of this year. The Bungala Solar project is located near Port Augusta in South Australia.

*"The acquisition of Australia's largest PV project, which takes us onto a new continent, is an important step forward for the Enel Group," said **Francesco Starace**, Enel CEO and General Manager. "The Australian renewable energy market is characterised by abundant resources and growing demand. Enel will work to harness these resources and contribute to the Australian economy, generating shared value for all our stakeholders through a strategy that delivers industrial growth built upon a foundation of sustainable development."*

¹ dc capacity, equivalent to around 110 MWac for each phase of the Bungala Solar project and approximately 220 MWac for the overall project.



The joint venture's total investment in the 275 MW¹ project is around 315 million US dollars, including project construction, with Enel contributing around 157 million US dollars. The total investment will be financed through a mix of equity and project finance with a consortium of local and international banks. The project is fully contracted with a long-term power purchase agreement with Origin Energy, a major Australian utility.

Construction works at Bungala Solar One are expected to begin by mid-2017, followed by Bungala Solar Two, whose construction will start by the end of this year. The overall 275 MW¹ project will be fully operational by the third quarter of 2018.

The Bungala Solar project is designed to generate around 570 GWh a year, equivalent to the consumption needs of approximately 82,000 Australian households, avoiding the emission of about 520,000 tonnes of CO₂.

Australia is a country of great interest for the Enel Group due to its abundance of renewable sources (in particular sun and wind), a growing demand for renewable energy, its network infrastructure and the existing regulatory framework as evidenced by the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Target ("RET") programme. RET has set a target of having 23.5% of energy generated from renewable sources by 2020 and is complemented by State-level initiatives aimed at increasing renewable energy generation through a tender-based mechanism.

Enel is a multinational power company and a leading integrated player in the global, power, gas and renewables markets. It is the largest integrated utility in Europe in terms of market capitalisation and rates among Europe's leading power companies in terms of installed capacity and reported EBITDA. The Group operates in over 30 countries worldwide, producing energy through approximately 85 GW of managed capacity. Enel distributes electricity and gas through a network of over 2 million kilometres, and with over 65 million business and household customers globally, the Group has the largest customer base among European competitors. Enel's renewable energy division Enel Green Power already manages almost 38 GW of wind, solar, geothermal, biomass and hydropower plants in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and is now arriving in Australia.

DIF is an independent fund management company focused on investments in high quality infrastructure assets that generate long-term, stable cash-flows such as public-private partnerships, renewable energy projects and other core infrastructure projects. DIF was established in 2005 and has invested in and manages more than 180 projects across the social infrastructure, transport and renewable energy sectors. DIF's investors comprise of top tier pension funds, insurers, banks and funds of funds.

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