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DOWNER AWARDED BERYL SOLAR FARM CONTRACT

Downer EDI Limited (Downer) announced today it had been awarded an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract worth approximately \$150 million by First Solar for the 87MWac Beryl Solar Farm located about five kilometres west of Gulgong, New South Wales (NSW).

"Large scale projects are critical to our regional communities and we are looking forward to partnering with First Solar to deliver the Beryl Solar Farm that will see significant economic and environmental benefits in regional New South Wales," said Grant Fenn, the Chief Executive Officer of Downer.

"This includes direct and indirect job creation, support for local businesses, and the development of skills in a growing renewable sector."

First Solar's Vice President of Asia Pacific, Steven Jackson congratulated Downer on the award.

"We look forward to working with Downer to successfully deliver the project. The Beryl Solar Farm will be one of the first large scale renewable projects to use First Solar's Series 6 thin film photovoltaic modules. Series 6 modules deliver more watts per connection than crystalline silicon modules. This enables Downer to realise construction cost savings while maximising the energy production for the project site, resulting in a lower levelised cost of energy."

When in operation, the Beryl Solar Farm will see electricity generated with no water use, no air emissions, and no waste production, with the smallest carbon footprint of any PV technology available.

When completed, the 260,000 advanced solar modules on the Beryl Solar Farm will produce energy to run approximately 25,000 average NSW homes, displacing more than 167,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

Notice to proceed has been issued to Downer under the EPC contract and construction is scheduled to take approximately 12 months.

About Downer

Downer is the leading provider of integrated services in Australia and New Zealand and customers are at the heart of everything it does. It exists to create and sustain the modern environment and its promise is to work closely with its customers to help them succeed, using world-leading insights and solutions to design, build and sustain assets, infrastructure and facilities. Downer employs approximately 56,000 people across more than 300 sites, primarily in Australia and New Zealand, but also in the Asia-Pacific region, South America and Southern Africa. It also owns 88 per cent of Spotless Group Holdings Limited. For more information visit downergroup.com.

About First Solar, Inc.

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar systems which use its advanced module and system technology. The company's integrated power plant solutions deliver an economically attractive alternative to fossil-fuel electricity generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life module recycling, First Solar's renewable energy systems protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit www.firstsolar.com.



About Beryl Solar Farm

For more on the Beryl Solar Farm, go to www.firstsolar.com/en-AU/Resources/Projects/Beryl-Solar-Farm

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