



#### NEW ENERGY SOLAR (ASX:NEW)

#### INVESTOR PRESENTATION RECAPPING RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Energy Solar<sup>1</sup> (ASX:NEW) has today released an investor presentation about some of its recent announcements. In lieu of face-to-face investor meetings this year, investors can also access a webinar and hear Chief Executive Officer, John Martin and Chief Investment Officer, Liam Thomas discussing the presentation and providing a brief operational update.

The webinar is available on New Energy Solar's website and can also be accessed here.

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#### **About New Energy Solar**

New Energy Solar was established in November 2015 to invest in a diversified portfolio of solar assets across the globe and help investors benefit from the global shift to renewable energy. The Business acquires large scale solar power plants with long term contracted power purchase agreements. In addition to attractive financial returns, this strategy generates significant positive environmental impacts for investors. Since establishment, New Energy Solar has raised over A\$500 million of equity, acquired a portfolio of world-class solar power plants, and has a deep pipeline of opportunities primarily across the United States and Australia. New Energy Solar's securities trade on the Australian Securities Exchange under the ticker, NEW. New Energy Solar is a listed stapled entity consisting of New Energy Solar Fund (ARSN 609 154 298) and New Energy Solar Limited (ACN 609 396 983). For more information, visit: www.newenergysolar.com.au

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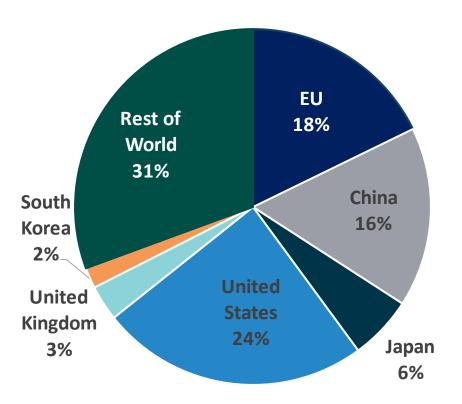
## Momentum of energy transition increasing



IEA says global policy support represents "profoundly important development"<sup>1</sup>

<b>Country/Region</b>	Commitment Summary
European Union	Net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
UK	Net zero carbon emissions by 2050
China	Carbon neutrality by 2060
Japan	Net zero carbon emissions by 2050
South Korea	Carbon neutrality by 2050
United States (Democrat platform)	Zero carbon emissions from electricity grid by 2050

**Contribution to 2019 Global GDP**<sup>2</sup>

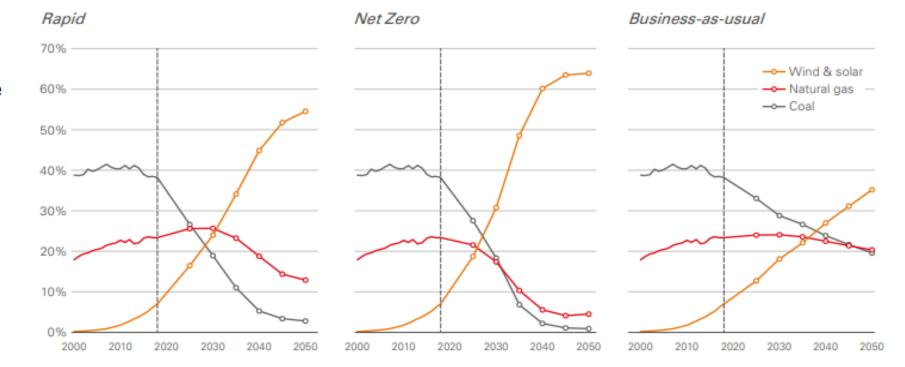




# BP modelling<sup>1</sup> shows future electricity mix will rely on renewables



All BP scenarios show renewables as primary generation source with wind and solar accounting for over 60% of global power generation by 2040 in net-zero scenario



Share of global power generation by energy source

Notes: 1. Extracted from BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2020 69th edition

### **NEW trading is inconsistent with sector**



Value of high-quality portfolio constructed on time and on budget not recognised

**NEW** has underperformed UK and US comparables<sup>1</sup>





Notes: 1. Chart data from Bloomberg L.P. Historical performance is not an indicator of likely future performance.

# Strategic review to address discount to asset value

Priority is delivering value for investors and improving trading performance

- Initial phase Strategic Review recommendation sale of non-core and Australian assets to:
  - provide opportunity for longstanding investors to realise value; and
  - develop a simpler investment proposition for global energy investors
- Initiatives developed to reduce complexity and address lack of broad investor support for NEW attributable to factors including:
  - composition of NEW's security register and low levels of trading activity
  - scale of operations, market capitalisation and modest following by market analysts
  - inability of small-cap listed renewable companies to gain traction on the ASX
  - nature and complexity of the corporate structure and reporting
  - levels of gearing
  - location of assets in two very distinct markets



### The path forward



### Consolidating business with singular focus and scale in US

- Consolidating and improving performance of 14 US assets offers pure exposure to strong growth US market
- Australian assets are very saleable:
  - high quality assets with strong performance history
  - offtake is contracted under power purchase agreements with average term of 12 years<sup>1</sup>
  - offtakers are NSW Government, EnergyAustralia and Kellogg's Australia
  - favourable grid access locations in and near NSW renewable energy zones
  - low levels of renewable asset development in Australia heighten interest in established assets
- Proceeds from sale available for capital management and improving value for investors



### **Targeted timetable for re-shaping NEW**

Clear program to improve value for investors



#### **PRE-CHRISTMAS 2020**

1. USF stake sold

- 2. Marketing of Australian assets
- 3. Finalising MS2 process

#### EARLY 2021

- 1. Indicative bids for Australian assets
- 2. MS2 proceeds received

#### JUNE 2021

- 1. Completion of Australian asset sales
- 2. Implementation of capital management



### Implementation : non-core asset sales



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#### Strategic review initiatives are underway

- USF shares (15 million) sold in block trade with 7.6 million shares of the unrestricted holding of Walsh & Company Investments Limited, representing 11% of USF issued capital
- Australian solar power plant sale process underway with RBC and NEW compiling material for due diligence
- Market activity for established renewable assets in Australia is encouraging:
  - private market sale of John Laing wind asset investments to First Sentier Investors for \$285 million<sup>1</sup>
  - private market sale of 75% stake in Engie/Mitsui renewable energy trust to Infrastructure Capital Group for ~\$400 million<sup>2</sup>
  - takeover of ASX-listed Infigen by Spanish group Iberdrola<sup>3</sup>
  - takeover of ASX-listed Windlab by Federation Asset Management<sup>4</sup>
  - 85.6% of ASX-listed Tilt Renewables acquired by Infratil Limited and Mercury NZ Limited<sup>5</sup>



# **Optimising performance of US portfolio**

Indications of improved second half 2020 performance

- 13 assets performing closer to weather-adjusted expectations in 2020 second half
- MS2 inverter and performance issues
  - inverters replaced and performing as expected
  - panel washing to address California fire smoke and ash deposits impeding performance
- Stanford and TID fire damage at Rosamond California
  - grass fire spread on to site and damage resulted in generation being reduced by approximately 32%
  - plants have business continuity and property damage policies
  - sites have been stabilised and negotiations with insurers commenced immediately
  - initial payment from insurers has been received, negotiations on repair schedule ongoing
  - subject to availability of replacement solar panels and components, repairs are anticipated to take up to nine months









# Thank you