

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Cattle Hill Wind Farm Local Business Participation Program Launched***

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Goldwind Australia has launched the Local Business Participation Program for Cattle Hill Wind Farm. The Program will be a key initiative to identify capability and capacity in the local community and maximise opportunities for local subcontractors and suppliers to participate in the project.

Developer for the project, Goldwind Australia Managing Director John Titchen, said the partnership with Aurora Energy secured the construction of the Cattle Hill Wind Farm project.

‘We’re pleased to partner with Aurora Energy who is clearly supportive of renewable energy development in Tasmania and strengthening Tasmania’s energy security.’ Said John.

Under the agreement, Aurora Energy will purchase Tasmanian generated renewable energy certificates produced by the wind farm to assist in meeting its obligations, extending to 2030, under national renewable energy legislation.

Project Development Manager, Laura Jeffery said planning for the construction of up to 49 wind turbines is well underway with the launch of Local Business Participation Program.

‘We are committed to local sourcing for the project where feasible. We’ll be working closely with the main contractors and major subcontractors, once appointed, to facilitate opportunities for local subcontractors and suppliers to participate in the project.’ Said Laura.

Cattle Hill Wind Farm is now listed as a project on the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway. This is an independent business network providing an online tool to connect subcontractors and suppliers with projects. Businesses with an ABN can submit Expressions of Interest for over 30 different work packages ranging from fencing to civil construction of on-site roads and local accommodation providers.

Following the appointment of the main contractor, an information forum will be held to provide local businesses with additional information about the available work packages and the process of bidding for subcontracting or supply opportunities.

Construction of the project is planned to commence in January 2018, with the wind farm anticipated to create 150 people during construction and have up to 10 permanent maintenance staff when fully operational in 2019.

## About Cattle Hill Wind Farm

Cattle Hill Wind Farm adjoins Waddamana, in the southern side of the Central Plateau of Tasmania.

The relevant approvals have been granted for the construction and operation of wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure.

The project will consist of up to 49 turbines, producing up to 150 MW of clean renewable electricity. Construction of the project is anticipated to commence in early 2018 and the wind farm is aimed to become fully operational in 2019.

## About Goldwind Australia

Goldwind Australia is wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology, a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions.

Goldwind Australia was established in 2009 and offers comprehensive services including Research and Development, project development, turbine manufacturing, project management and Operations and Maintenance services. Goldwind Australia has two operating wind farms, and a portfolio of wind and solar projects under construction and planned for construction to commence in 2018.

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