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Cattle Hill Wind Farm Connection Agreement finalised

TasNetworks and Goldwind have today signed the Connection Agreement for the Cattle Hill wind farm project in Tasmania's central highlands.

The Connection Agreement sets out the terms and conditions through which the wind farm is able to successfully connect to TasNetworks' transmission network and is another key step in paving the way for the construction of the 144MW wind farm.

The agreement represents a significant commitment from TasNetworks and Goldwind. In addition to delivering local benefits to business and the community, the construction of the large-scale wind farm will also contribute to Tasmania's energy security and increases the State's on-island renewable energy generation capacity by more than 5 per cent.

"This is a key milestone for the project and highlights the strong working relationship that exists between TasNetworks and Goldwind" said TasNetworks Chief Executive Officer, Lance Balcombe.

"We're very excited to be involved with such a great project and look forward to working with Goldwind during the construction phase over the coming months" Mr Balcombe said.

"Goldwind is pleased to be partnering with TasNetworks to successfully achieve the Connection Agreement for Cattle Hill. We have found the TasNetworks team to be very professional and capable." said Goldwind's Managing Director, John Titchen.

"The project is located adjacent to TasNetworks' large Waddamana Substation, it will deliver a significant addition to the Tasmanian power supply and provide significant opportunities for Tasmanian businesses and the community. We are aiming to complete construction in 2019" Mr Titchen said.

The construction of the wind farm, consisting of up to 49 turbines, is scheduled to commence in early 2018 and is expected to create 150 jobs during construction and employ up to 10 permanent maintenance staff when fully operational in 2019.

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