

Goldwind Appoints Tasmanian Company Gradco for Cattle Hill Wind Farm

Media Release – 7 September 2018. Goldwind has appointed Launceston based company, Gradco, to undertake road upgrades to existing roads within the Central Highlands region of Tasmania to allow for the delivery of wind turbine components and associated equipment to the Cattle Hill Wind Farm site.

‘Goldwind Australia is pleased to have engaged Gradco for these works. Earlier in the year we appointed Hobart based company, Hazell Brothers, as the main contractor for the full civil and electrical works for the wind farm. Now welcoming Gradco on board means a further investment of over \$10 million for industry in Tasmania.’ said John Titchen, Managing Director for Goldwind Australia.

‘Gradco are excited to be partnering with Goldwind for the Cattle Hill Windfarm project and are committed to delivering a quality outcome that will benefit the local community and further enhance Tasmania’s reputation as a leader in the renewable energy sector.’ Said Will Diprose, Senior Project Manager for Gradco.

Construction of the 48-turbine project commenced recently, with the project aiming to be fully operational in 2019. The project is expected to have up to 150 jobs on site during construction peaks. The project will also provide secondary local industry participation through accommodation, construction support services and consumables.

Once operational, the project is expected to employ up to 10 permanent staff and provide opportunities for ongoing supply and service contracts.

Goldwind Project Manager for the Cattle Hill Wind Farm, Ronan Creedon said Gradco will shortly be commencing works in the Central Highlands region, between Midlands Highway and the project site on the Eastern shores of Lake Echo.

‘Upgrades to the existing roads will include works such as realignments, shoulder widening, embankment adjustments, causeway and bridge upgrades and installation of safety furniture. The works are required to allow for the delivery of over-dimensional loads of tower components, nacelles, turbine blades, main power transformer and associated equipment to the project site. The works will ramp up shortly and continue into the new year.

The road works have been preceded by road surveys and dilapidation reports undertaken by Tasmanian based consultants, and agreements with relevant road authorities and landowners.

There will be a noticeable increase in construction traffic and interruptions to traffic in the local area while the works are underway, so we ask road users to please take care and observe traffic control. We aim to keep local disruption to a minimum and will be providing updates on the works on our project website and in local publications. If local community members have questions they are welcome to drop into the project information centre now open in Bothwell.’ commented Ronan.

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