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CLP's Veltoor Plant in India Gains World's First Solar Project Certification from DNV GL

CLP Holdings Limited is pleased to announce Veltoor Solar Farm in India has received from DNV GL, a global quality assurance and risk management company, the world's first project certificate for photovoltaic (PV) power plants in a recognition of its high standards for safety and technical compliance.

Veltoor, a 100MW project in the southern Indian state of Telangana, satisfied DNV GL's service specification DNVGL SE 0078, a global guideline for the certification of solar PV projects. The specification covers a broad set of requirements including design, design basis, grid code compliance, manufacturing process, transport and installation, as well as commissioning. Veltoor was co-developed by CLP India and Suzlon Energy Limited.

"The comprehensive requirements of DNV GL's certification provided a clear roadmap for us to ensure the highest quality as we designed and built Veltoor," said Rajiv Mishra, Managing Director of CLP India. "Operational excellence is part of our DNA and CLP maintains the highest-quality standards across all facets of our work. As the only certification body that provided complete guidelines for PV projects, DNV GL has worked hand-in-hand with us to help the Veltoor project meet our quality objectives."

Fabio Pollicino, Director and Service Line Leader for Project Certification at DNV GL, said, "Having been involved with the Veltoor Solar Power Project since its earliest days, we are very happy to award it the first ever PV project certificate and support the fast-growing Indian solar market."

Veltoor was fully commissioned in the first quarter of 2018, marking an important milestone for CLP as the Group's first solar project in India. It was completed without any lost-time incidents even though it took more than one million man hours to build. The single-axis sun tracking solar panels deployed at Veltoor, capable of following the sun's path through the day to maximise efficiency, are the most advanced of their kind in the CLP Group.

CLP is committed to investing in renewable energy projects in India. The Group is monitoring solar resources at different locations to evaluate more reliable, site specific resource potential.

About CLP Group

CLP Holdings Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, is the holding company for the CLP Group, one of the largest investor-owned power businesses in Asia Pacific. Through CLP Power Hong Kong Limited, it operates a vertically-integrated electricity supply business providing a highly-reliable supply of electricity to 80% of Hong Kong's population.

Outside Hong Kong, CLP holds investment in the energy sector in Mainland China, India, Southeast Asia, Taiwan and Australia. Its diversified portfolio of generating assets uses a wide range of fuels including coal, gas, nuclear and renewable sources. CLP is one of the largest external investors in the Mainland's renewable energy sector. In India, it is one of the biggest renewable energy producers and among the largest foreign investors in the electricity sector. In Australia, its wholly-owned subsidiary EnergyAustralia is one of the largest integrated energy companies, providing gas and electricity to about 2.6 million households and businesses.

CLP is listed on the Global Dow – a 150-stock index of the world's leading blue-chips, the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific), the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific 40 Index (DJSI Asia Pacific 40), Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series and MSCI Global Sustainability Index Series.

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