

Press release

# Saudi Arabia National Renewable Energy Program Seeks Bids for First Utility Scale Wind Power Project

- Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources announces Request for Proposals (RFP) for 400MW of wind power in Dumat Al Jandal, Al Jouf region
- Renewable Energy Project Development Office (REPDO) announces 25 pre-qualified bidders for the RFP stage
- Dumat Al Jandal wind power project constitutes second half of round one of procurement under the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP)

**Riyadh – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, August 29, 2017:** Today, the Renewable Energy Project Development Office (REPDO) of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for its first utility-scale wind power project within the National Renewable Energy Program (NREP). The RFP for 400MW of wind power in Dumat Al Jandal in Saudi Arabia's Al Jouf region is now available for qualified bidders on the NREP's dedicated eProcurement portal, [www.powersaudiarabia.com.sa](http://www.powersaudiarabia.com.sa).

REPDO has qualified 25 companies for the 400MW Dumat Al Jandal wind project. The qualified companies will proceed to the RFP stage as either 'managing members' or 'technical members' – or both – based on their experience in delivering IPP projects of this scale. A company or consortium whose application is unsuccessful as either a Manager or Technical member in this round will have the opportunity to participate in future Request for Quotations (RFQ) and RFPs under the NREP.

Dumat Al Jandal marks the second of two tenders for round one of the NREP. Bidding for the 400MW wind power project is set to close in January 2018.

Commenting on the progress of the NREP, His Excellency, Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources, said, "We are moving forward to diversify the Kingdom's energy mix and to build a more sustainable and cleaner energy system that benefits Saudi Arabia and its citizens. Round two of the NREP will be launched before the end of this year, keeping us firmly on track to deliver 9.5GW of renewable energy by 2023."

Khalid Al-Falih added, "The NREP will build economic resilience and deliver real economic benefits by creating more than 7000 jobs, increasing Saudi Arabia's non-oil GDP and nurturing a clean tech startup industry; it is a program designed to boost the domestic renewable value chain and encourage foreign

direct investment in the Kingdom, bringing prosperity to our citizens as part of the goals established in Vision 2030.”

Technical criteria for round one NREP projects include a 30% local content requirement. This requirement will increase in future rounds to stimulate the growth of a globally competitive and sustainable renewable energy supply chain in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Round one of the NREP also comprises 300MW of Solar PV in Sakaka, Al Jouf region, for which the bid opening will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and winning bids will be announced on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The Dumat Al Jandal and Sakaka projects are both 100% private IPP programs, which will be backed by 20- and 25-year power purchase agreements respectively.

Companies that qualified as managing and technical members for the 400MW wind project in Dumat Al Jandal, under the National Renewable Energy Program are:

Managing member and Technical member	Managing member	Technical member
1. Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company, PJSC-Masdar	1. ACWA Power	1. Akuo Energy
2. Acciona Energía Global, S.L.	2. JGC Corporation	2. Elecnor
3. Cobra Instalaciones y servicios S.A.	3. SNC-Lavalin Arabia LLC	3. Martifer Renewables (MTR)
4. EDF Energies Nouvelles	4. Sojitz Corporation	4. Nordex Acciona Windpower
5. Enel Green Power S.p.A		5. Vestas Middle East
6. Enercon		6. Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology Co (Goldwind)
7. GE		
8. Gestamp Eólica SI		
9. International Power SA, Dubai Branch (ENGIE)		
10. Korean Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)		
11. Marubeni Corporation		
12. Mitsui & Co., LTD		
13. Siemens Project Ventures		
14. Sumitomo Corporation		
15. Toyota Tsusho Corporation (TTC)		

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### **About the National Renewable Energy Program**

Saudi Arabia's National Renewable Energy Program (NREP) is a long term, multifaceted renewable energy program designed to balance the domestic power mix, whilst working towards carbon reduction commitments. The NREP is managed and executed by the Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources (MEIM), directly supporting Saudi Arabia's National Transformation Program (NTP) and Vision 2030.

The office responsible for the delivery of the NREP is The Renewable Energy Project Development Office (REPDO), an office within the MEIM. The Program will be phased and rolled out in a systematic and transparent way to ensure that the Kingdom benefits from the cost-competitive nature of renewable energy. The National Renewable Energy Program aims to substantially increase the share of renewable energy in the total energy mix, targeting the generation of 3.45 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy by 2020 under the National Transformation Program (NTP), and 9.5GW by 2023, towards Vision 2030.