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State Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio was on-site on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 to turn the first sod and acknowledge the start of construction for BGPH.

The Victorian Government has committed to a 15-year agreement to support the power hub while Nectar Farms has signed a 10-year power purchase agreement (PPA) for the supply of energy to its glasshouse facility. Nectar Farms will take up to 15 per cent of the energy produced by BGPH, with the remaining 85 per cent going directly into the grid. BGPH will contribute significantly to the Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET),



Image L-R: NGSC Mayor Cr Tony Driscoll, Minister Lily D'Ambrosio and Neoen Australia Managing Director, Mr Franck Woitiez

Neoen Australia's Managing Director Franck Woitiez acknowledges this unique partnership with the State Government and Nectar Farms as critical to the power hub's success.

The integrated wind farm and battery storage facility will create up to 230 new jobs in the Stawell region and generate over 740,000 MWh of emission-free, clean, competitively priced renewable energy per annum upon completion.

The positive knock-on effects are expected to be felt by the community for years to come.

Community Open Day & Consultant Information Day

Neoen hosted two community information sessions in February 2018 to share updates on the Bulgana Green Power Hub and keep members of the community informed of progress.

The Community Open Day and Consultant Information Day were well attended by community members and people seeking to learn more about employment opportunities throughout the project.

Neoen representatives collected feedback and questions to assist them in understanding what issues are important to the community. Representatives were on hand to provide information on different aspects of the project including construction, employment opportunities and the community fund. Attendees enjoyed browsing information posters, collecting fact sheets and materials and talking directly with the project team.

A \$350million investment by Neoen in the power hub is expected to create 230 jobs at the peak of construction and potential job applicants, accommodation providers and service agencies used the sessions to reach out to Neoen and gain a better understanding of opportunities that would be available throughout the project's 20+ year lifespan.

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BGPH Community Fund

Neoen Australia has established a community fund that will provide financial support to community groups to build capacity and grow the region. Each year, Neoen Australia will invest \$120,000 in organisations and community groups via the BGPH Community Fund.

Grants of between \$500 and \$20,000 are available each year to projects that align with at least one of Neoen's community growth focus areas:

- Environmental sustainability,
- Health and wellbeing,
- Strong connected communities,
- Sport and recreation,
- Arts and culture and skills, and;
- Education and training.

A Community Advisory Panel (CAP) has been appointed to oversee the fund. The CAP representatives include:

- One Neoen Australia representative,
- Two NGSC representatives,
- One DELWP representative; and
- Two community members.

How to apply for a grant

A fact sheet outlining eligibility criteria for the Community Fund grants is available from the Northern Grampians Shire website www.ngshire.vic.gov.au. Application forms are available by calling the Investment Attraction Officer on (03) 5358 8700 or 0459 021 425 or downloading a form from www.ngshire.vic.gov.au.

Dates to remember:

- July 16 - applications open
- August 27 at 12am applications close
- August 28 - September 17 applications are reviewed
- September 19 - CAP meets to discuss applications and make final decisions
- September 24 - successful applicants notified.

Project status

Mobilisation to site started in May 2018 with the Ministerial visit on Wednesday, May 16.

Site Establishment

Following the Ministerial visit, the site facilities compound has been constructed on Bulgana Road with car park, power, water and communications available for the construction work force. Site Safety signage is installed at entrances three and four.

Health, Safety & Environment

Safety is a focus for the work team with a total of 8,109 hours worked on site to date with no safety incidents reported. The total site workforce is currently 35 people.

Civil & Foundation Works

The on-site concrete batching plant is being delivered and assembled on site. The first batch of concrete for foundation building is expected in early July. Civil works for access roads and crane hardstand has commenced as well as excavation of Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) foundations.

Inspection and assessment of the intersections, bridges and culverts on the local roads transport route is complete. Design works will commence in August.

Electrical Works

Design works and procurement of long lead materials and equipment is well progressed. Mobilisation to site is planned for July to start the earthing in the WTG foundations.



Wind Turbine Works

Procurement of materials for WTG towers, nacelles, hubs and blades is underway. The first shipment of components is expected to arrive in Australia in November.

Who is NEOEN?

Neoen, the owner of Bulgana Green Power Hub, is a fully integrated renewable energy company that owns and operates assets for their lifespan. The company is headquartered in Paris, France, and has two

Australian offices - one in Sydney and one in Canberra.

Neoen operates across renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, and biomass in Europe, Central America, Africa, the Middle East and Australia.

Neoen Australia began operations in August 2012. Over the last five years, the company has initiated the development of more than 1GW of solar and wind projects through organic growth, local partnerships and strategic acquisitions. This represents an investment of more than \$1 billion in Australia.

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For more information please visit the Project Website www.bulganawindfarm.com.au or contact the Project Team by Email - contact@bulganawindfarm.com.au

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