

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Local community celebrates the arrival of the first turbine blade!***

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Today, the local community of Glen Innes joined together with invited guests to celebrate the arrival of the first wind turbine blade for White Rock Wind Farm. The blade, weighing around 15 tonnes and 59.5 metres in length, is the biggest wind turbine blade in Australia to date.

Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands and Parliamentary Secretary for Northern NSW Renewable Energy joined the local community to celebrate the event.

‘This has been a great opportunity for members of the local community to experience first-hand the absolute size and scale of the turbines to be installed at the wind farm. Sharing opportunities like this with the community shows real community integration of the wind farm in the local area.’ Said Adam Marshall.

Construction of White Rock Wind Farm, the largest wind farm in NSW, commenced in May 2016 and is expected to be fully commissioned by the end of 2017.

John Titchen, Managing Director of Goldwind Australia, said the first blade delivery marks a significant milestone in the construction of the wind farm.

‘Work will now start on the installation of 70 turbines that will provide clean renewable energy to power approximately 75,000 homes, more than all the houses in the New England area.’

Construction of renewable energy projects drives significant economic benefit for local communities said John.

‘The White Rock project represents a real investment for the Glen Innes and Inverell area, in the vicinity of \$30-\$40 million is expected to be injected into the local economy during construction. Over 200 people have been involved during construction and a 10-15 local service team will be needed once the wind farm is operating.’

## About White Rock Wind Farm

White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) is located in the New England/Northern Tablelands region of NSW, approximately 20 kilometres West of Glen Innes and about 500 kilometres North of Sydney. Project approval was granted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 10 July 2012 for the construction and operation of up to 119 wind turbines in addition to related infrastructure. The project will be staged with 70 turbines in the first stage. Construction completion is targeted for late 2017. Once operational, the 175MW White Rock Wind Farm will generate enough renewable energy to service 75,000 homes annually.

## About CECEP

China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP) is China's largest technology-based service group in the field of energy conservation, emission reduction and environmental protection. CECWPC, a subsidiary of CECEP, was founded in 2006 and listed in Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2014, specializing in development, investment, management, construction and operation & maintenance of wind power projects. In 2016, CECWPC acquired 75% interest in White Rock Wind Farm with Goldwind retaining a 25% interest.

## About Goldwind

Goldwind Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology, a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions. Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code 002202) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (stock code 2208). High-quality manufacturing is the foundation for Goldwind's business along with excellent customer service and technological innovation. Bloomberg New Energy Finance recently ranked Goldwind as number one in the world for newly installed capacity in 2015. In 2015 Goldwind installed more 7.8 GW with accumulated installed capacity exceeding 32 GW.

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*Photo caption: Excited local community members watching the first turbine blade for the White Rock Wind Farm drive by. Photo credit: Craig Thomson, Glen Innes Examiner.*