

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***White Rock Wind Farm switches on turbines***

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The first turbines at White Rock Wind Farm have now been connected to TransGrid's network and are producing electricity.

NSW transmission network operator and manager TransGrid, along with sub-contractor Zinfra, designed, constructed and commissioned White Rock Wind Farm's 132/33kV substation and transmission line to connect the project to the NSW transmission network and the National Electricity Market.

'This is key project milestone for White Rock Wind Farm. TransGrid has completed connection works and AEMO has registered the White Rock Wind Farm project.' said Ronan Creedon, EPC Project Manager for White Rock Wind Farm today.

'TransGrid and Zinfra's crews have constructed and delivered the wind farm's connection infrastructure enabling the wind farm to commence generating.'

Stage one of White Rock Wind Farm includes 70 turbines, a substation and eight-kilometre transmission line. Forty-seven turbines have been fully erected, with the installation of the remaining turbines to occur over the next couple of months.

Once fully operational, the 175 MW White Rock Wind Farm will produce sufficient clean renewable energy to power approximately 75,000 homes, more than all the houses in the New England area.

Construction of stage one of White Rock Wind Farm commenced in May 2016. Current work on site is now focussed on installation and erection of the remaining twenty-three wind turbines and commissioning work. At the peak of construction, the number of on-site construction staff has reached approximately 300 people. The wind farm is planned to be fully commissioned by the end of 2017.

## About White Rock Wind Farm

The \$400 million White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) project is in the New England/Northern Tablelands region of NSW, approximately 20 kilometres west of Glen Innes and 40 kilometres east of Inverell. 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.

Goldwind retains a 25% interest in the WRWF, whilst partnering with China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group Wind-Power Corporation (CECEP) for a 75% investment for full construction and operation of the project.

## About Goldwind Australia

Established in 2009, Goldwind's local Australian team offers comprehensive wind power solutions, including investment, construction, and operational and maintenance services.

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.

## 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 on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2014, specializing in development, investment, management, construction and operation & maintenance of wind power projects.

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