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BEI to build Warradarge Wind Farm

Bright Energy Investments today announced it will proceed with the development of the 180MW Warradarge Wind Farm, near Eneabba in Western Australia, commencing in 2019.

Bright Energy Investments, a joint venture between state-owned electricity generator and retailer Synergy, global infrastructure investment fund DIF, and Australian industry super fund Cbus secured final approvals including network access to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS).

New state Energy Minister, Bill Johnston, made the formal announcement today on behalf of Synergy at a ceremonial signing of documents attended by the project partners.

Synergy Chairman Robert Cole said the business was extremely proud to be part of the Warradarge Wind Farm project, and what that means for renewable projects in Western Australia.

"Synergy has a strong history in developing major solar and wind assets in Western Australia and is committed to increasing its renewable energy portfolio," Mr Cole said.

"In developing Warradarge Wind Farm in conjunction with our equity partners DiF and Cbus, Synergy ensures the state of Western Australia meets its renewable energy commitments in accordance with Commonwealth legislation and does so in a structure that delivers the most benefit to the state."

The Warradarge Wind Farm will have a total output of 180 megawatt with a 50 per cent capacity factor – the equivalent of the average annual electricity needs of 135,000 West Australian homes.

The construction and equipment maintenance contracts have been awarded to world-renowned sustainable energy solutions company Vestas, with construction works to be undertaken by local sub-contractors.

The turbines will be among the largest in Western Australia with a tip height of 152 metres, sporting some of the longest blades onshore at 66 metres.

Bright Energy Investments director Diana Callebaut said the Warradarge Wind Farm is expected to be recognised as one of the best renewable energy projects in the country.

"The high calibre of the parties involved in BEI and the world-class experience of turbine manufacturer provides comfort that the Warradarge Wind Farm will be delivered smoothly and on-schedule, with first generation expected in 2020," Ms Callebaut said.

The 10km transmission line from the wind farm sub-station to the network connection point near Eneabba will be constructed by Western Power.

Warradarge Wind Farm joins the BEI portfolio, which includes the Albany Grasmere Wind Farm and the Greenough River Solar Farm near Geraldton.

Combined, these projects support Synergy's efforts to meet its Large-scale Renewable Energy Target (LRET) obligations through local projects.

Warradarge Wind Farm is expected to generate first power in 2020.

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About Synergy

As Western Australia's leading energy generator and retailer, Synergy is an essential and trusted provider of electricity and gas to more than one million residential, business and industry customers.

Synergy employs more than 900 people and owns and operates over \$1.7 billion worth of assets. Its generating portfolio is extensive and diverse with traditional power stations servicing the electricity grid that extends from Kalbarri in the north, east to Kalgoorlie and south to Albany. Synergy also generates electricity from renewable sources located at Albany, Bremer Bay, Coral Bay, Denham, Geraldton, Esperance, Kalbarri and Hopetoun and proudly supports the people of Western Australia by playing an active role in the communities in which we operate.

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