

MEDIA RELEASE

Coppabella Wind Farm Local Business Participation Program Launched

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Goldwind Australia has launched the Local Business Participation Program for Coppabella Wind Farm. The Program will be a key initiative to identify capability and capacity in the local community and maximise opportunities for local subcontractors and suppliers to participate in the project.

It is structured around three stages:

1. Under the first stage of the Program, Coppabella Wind Farm is seeking Expressions of Interest for over 30 different work packages ranging from fencing to civil construction of on-site roads and local accommodation providers. The project has been listed on Industry Capability Network (ICN) Gateway and companies with an ABN are encouraged to register their interest via the ICN Gateway website.
2. Stage Two will be an Industry Briefing to be held in the local area following the appointment of the major subcontractors - the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) and Balance of Plant (BoP) contractors. The Industry Briefing will provide local businesses with additional information about the available work packages and the process of bidding for subcontracting or supply opportunities.
3. Stage Three, is the engagement stage where the main contractors for the project, will engage subcontractors and suppliers. Stage three spans the phases of construction and the transition into the operations phase.

Tom Nielsen, Development Manager for the Coppabella Wind Farm said the project was pleased to launch the first stage of the Program.

‘We’ve already received a lot of interest regarding potential subcontracting and supply opportunities in relation to the project and we are committed to local sourcing where feasible. A dedicated project page on the ICN Gateway has now been established, specifying the available work packages. I encourage local businesses with an ABN to submit Expressions of Interest for relevant work packages listed on the project page.’

The ICN Gateway is an independent business network providing an online tool to connect subcontractors and suppliers with projects. In stage three of the Program, a database will be provided to the main contractor and major subcontractors of all businesses that submitted an Expression of Interest.

Planning for construction of the Coppabella Wind Farm project has commenced. The project is expected to employ approximately 150-200 staff during construction and approximately 10-15 permanent staff when fully operational.

About Coppabella Wind Farm

Coppabella Wind Farm is located in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 30km west of Yass. Previously called 'Yass Valley Wind Farm', the project has been renamed Coppabella Wind Farm to reflect the change in the original project scope and to better represent the geographic area for the project. Coppabella Wind Farm will extend approximately 12 kilometres west to east and approximately 10 kilometres north to south along the Coppabella Hills near the towns of Bookham and Binalong.

The project was approved by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) on 30 March 2016. The determination by the PAC granted consent for the construction and operation of up to 79 wind turbines along the Coppabella ridgeline.

Once operational, wind farm will provide renewable electricity capable of servicing up approximately 80,000 homes annually¹.

Further information can be found at www.coppabellawindfarm.com

About Goldwind Australia

Goldwind Australia is wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology, a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions.

Goldwind Australia was established in 2009 and offers comprehensive services including Research and Development, project development, turbine manufacturing, project management and Operations and Maintenance services. Goldwind Australia has two operating wind farms, and a portfolio of wind and solar projects under construction and planned for construction to commence in 2018.

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¹ Calculated using the NSW Wind Farm Greenhouse Gas Saving Tool on the Office of Environment and Heritage website (Based on an average NSW household electricity consumption of 7.3 MWh annually.)