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50 megawatts wind project in Pakistan: Metro Power Company signs \$98.6 million financing

On 14th April 2014, Metro Power Company Limited executed the financing documents for \$98.6 million financing for a 50MW wind power project in Sindh Province, north east of Karachi, Pakistan.

Metro Power Company Limited is equally owned by a leading Pakistani business family, the Iqbal Alimohamed family, and InfraCo Asia Keenjhar Wind (a wholly-owned subsidiary of InfraCo Asia Development Pte. Ltd, Singapore) which have been jointly developing the project. IFC will also take a minority equity interest in Metro Power Company Limited.

The wind power project will help meet the rising electricity demand in Pakistan and provide an extra 270,000 people with environmentally friendly power every year.

Consisting of twenty (20) Nordex N100 wind turbines of 2.5MW each from Germany, the wind farm is expected to generate approximately 140 gigawatt hours of electricity every year, and contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gasses of nearly 100,000 tons of CO₂. This will reduce the power deficit in Pakistan where about a third of the demand for electricity is unmet, which affects living standards and is causing the economy to shrink by 2 percent of GDP per year. The project will therefore contribute to economic growth in Pakistan, while at the same time help meet climate change targets.

Electricity generated by Metro Power will be sold to the National Transmission and Dispatch Company under a 20-year fixed price Energy Purchase Agreement under the Government of Pakistan's Renewable Energy Policy for the Development of Power Generation (2006).

Debt financing for the project is being provided by way of a foreign debt tranche from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and the ECO Trade and Development Bank, and a local debt tranche in Pakistan rupees from the National Bank of Pakistan, United Bank Limited, Bank Alfalah and Askari bank. Financial close of the project is expected to take place by July 2014 and commercial operations expected to start by end of 2015.

About InfraCo Asia

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