

InfraCo Asia and Alternergy Announce New Private Sector Investment in Run-of-River Hydropower Project in the Philippines' Northern Luzon Region

Japan-based renewable energy developer Renova Renewables Asia Pte Ltd and Philippines-based Sta. Clara International Corporation have committed funding to the 17.4MW Kiangon hydropower project, which is part of a 34MW portfolio.

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InfraCo Asia Development Pte Ltd (InfraCo Asia), a company of the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG), and Alternergy Hydro Partners Corporation, the hydro investment company of Alternergy Holdings Corporation (Alternergy) today announced that [Renova Renewables Asia Pte Ltd \(Renova\)](#) and [Sta. Clara International Corporation \(“Sta. Clara”\)](#) have committed to invest in the 17.4MW Kiangon hydropower project (‘Project’) the largest project in a portfolio that comprises three run-of-river projects (‘Portfolio’) located in Ifugao Province in northern Luzon, Philippines. In addition, the Project successfully concluded loan agreements with the Development Bank of the Philippines on August 26, 2021.

Renova and Sta. Clara will work together with Alternergy to take the Kiangon project into commercial operation. The investment is Renova’s first investment in the Philippines and its first investment in hydropower generation. Sta. Clara also serves as the civil works contractor for the Kiangon project.

Following the investment from Renova and Sta Clara and the signing of the loan agreements with the Development Bank of Philippines, InfraCo Asia has successfully exited the Portfolio. Through its involvement in the projects, InfraCo Asia, has fulfilled its mandate to de-risk infrastructure assets to the point where the private sector is willing to invest to take the projects to financial close, construction and operation.

Upon completion of construction, the projects in the Portfolio are expected to provide new and improved access to clean energy for more than 230,000 people and create long-term employment opportunities for local communities. InfraCo Asia and Alternergy have worked together to apply international standards across the development of the projects, with particular on host community engagement. The portfolio company hired community relations officers from the indigenous community and sought to integrate local peoples’ views throughout the process of project development.

InfraCo Asia and Alternergy entered into a Joint Investment and Development Agreement and a Convertible Loan Agreement in April 2016 to support Alternergy in the development of the Portfolio. The investment was InfraCo Asia’s first in the Philippines, and allowed the projects to proceed with the pre-development phase, which included securing the requisite government permits and clearances, conducting technical and environmental studies, as well as undertaking community and socio-cultural engagements and activities associated with developing run-of-river hydropower plants.

Allard Nooy, Chief Executive Officer, InfraCo Asia (and Board Member of Alternergy), said: “By exiting the North Luzon run-of-river hydropower portfolio, we have made room for the private sector to come in. We hope that Renova and Sta Clara’s investment will serve as both a catalyst for the continued development of other projects in the portfolio as well as a motivator for other investors who are considering early-stage development in this sector in the Philippines. Through a strong partnership with Alternergy we are proud

to have played a role in de-risking the project and setting it up in a way that aligns with international standards and provides benefits to the indigenous community in which it is based.”

“We thank InfraCo Asia for believing in these projects. InfraCo Asia’s support at the early stage propelled us to move ahead and take on the unique challenges of developing run-of-river hydropower projects within the ancestral domain of indigenous peoples. Hydropower projects are typically considered the longest-gestating renewable energy projects. With InfraCo Asia’s support, the Kiangang Project reached a shovel-ready state and we are now ready to take the project to commercial operations with our new partners Renova and Sta. Clara,” Eduardo Martinez_Miranda, President and CEO of Alternergy Hydro Partners Corp. said.

“The achievement of financial close of the Kiangang project is a significant milestone for Renova expansion outside Japan and is a substantial step towards Renova’s realization of efforts to build low cost, efficient renewable power throughout Asia. Our investment in the Kiangang project signifies our confidence in and commitment to the Philippines energy market, a competitive market that is transparent and open to foreign investors,” said Yosuke Kiminami, Founding CEO of Renova, Inc.

“We are honoured to be working with Alternergy once again in bringing their renewable project to reality. In addition, we chose to be a shareholder together with Renova as we fully believe in the investment potential and social benefit that the Kiangang project is capable of creating,” said Nicandro Linao, chairman of Sta Clara International Corporation.

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About InfraCo Asia

1. InfraCo Asia Development Pte Ltd (InfraCo Asia) is a commercially managed infrastructure development and investment company of the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG).
2. Headquartered in Singapore, InfraCo Asia catalyses greater private sector investment in infrastructure across South and Southeast Asia by providing funding and development expertise. InfraCo Asia funds early-stage development activities to realise socially responsible and commercially viable infrastructure that contributes to sustainable and inclusive economic growth.
3. InfraCo Asia is currently funded by four members of PIDG – the governments of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Australia.

For more information, please visit www.infracoasia.com.

About Alternergy

1. Alternergy Hydro Partners Corporation (AHPC) is a sub holding company for run-of-river hydro projects of its of ultimate parent, Alternergy Holdings Corporation (Alternergy). AHPC focuses on developing run-of-river hydro projects located in ancestral domain of indigenous peoples in northern Luzon in the Philippines.
2. Headquartered in the Philippines, Alternergy is a pioneering developer of renewable power projects in run-of-river hydro, solar, solar hybrid with battery storage, and wind. Its principals were involved in the first grid-size wind farm in Southeast Asia, the first solar bilateral power purchase agreement and the first commercial rooftop portfolio, both in the Philippines.
3. Alternergy subscribes to a Quadruple Bottom Line Approach of four measures to benchmark its success in terms of profitability, carbon reduction, community benefits and employee fulfilment.

For more information, please visit www.alternergy.com.

About Renova

RENOVA, Inc. is a leading renewable energy developer in Japan. Listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, RENOVA is the only publicly traded pure-play developer of renewable energy in Japan. RENOVA develops, owns and operates solar photovoltaic, biomass, wind (onshore and offshore), run-of-river hydroelectric and geothermal power plants, with a portfolio of projects in Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines of over 900MW in operation and under construction, as well as development pipeline that approximates to 1.0GW, including a large-scale offshore wind power generation project with an approximate total capacity of 700MW.

About Santa Clara International

Sta Clara International is one of the leading full-service engineering, construction, development and management enterprises in the Philippines, with overseas operations, serving the power and utilities sector, particularly in hydropower, wind, solar and water treatment projects.

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