

# Media Release



## SMEC, Metis Energy, and PCL Constructions join forces for the Gunsynd Solar project

**Sydney, 26 April 2024:** 26 April 2024 - SMEC, the Owner's Engineer of the Gunsynd Solar project, is proud to announce its collaboration with Metis and PCL, marking a significant milestone in Australia's renewable energy sector.

As a member of Surbana Jurong, SMEC brings its extensive expertise to the Gunsynd Solar project, further solidifying its position as a leader in the renewables market. With a proven track record in the renewable sector across Australia, SMEC will continue to drive innovation and excellence throughout the project's lifecycle.

"We are thrilled to support Metis Energy and PCL Construction on this exciting project," said Rob Hamilton, Regional Director – Renewables, ANZ at SMEC. "Our longstanding experience in renewables uniquely positions us to deliver sustainable solutions that will power communities and drive the transition to a regenerative future."

Since 2022, SMEC has been instrumental in supporting Metis during the project's tender development and evaluation and EPC contracting stages. Once construction commences, SMEC will continue to provide technical and design advice, and construction management services such as monitoring activities on-site, conducting comprehensive on-site construction and commissioning inspections to ensure quality standards are met.

Gunsynd Solar, located in Goondiwindi, Queensland, is set to generate up to 250 gigawatt hours of energy annually, significantly reducing CO2 emissions by approximately 150,000 tonnes per year. This project will have the capacity to power up to 32,000 households in Queensland, marking a significant step towards achieving renewable energy targets.

"This will serve as a cornerstone of Metis Energy's expansion into the Australian renewable energy market, and we are pleased to have engaged SMEC and PCL Construction to deliver the project," said Tang Kin Fei, Executive Chairman & Interim CEO at Metis Energy. "Gunsynd Solar underscores our commitment to sustainability and enables us to play our part in the global energy transition."

March 2023 saw Metis achieve financial close and issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP) to PCL for the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) works. With the commencement of construction imminent, the project is expected to create jobs for up to 100 individuals at its peak, stimulating the local and national economy while fostering opportunities for local businesses.

Full operational readiness for Gunsynd Solar is anticipated by late 2025, signalling a new era of sustainable energy production in Australia.

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**About SMEC:**

SMEC is a global engineering, management and development consultancy delivering innovative solutions for our clients and partners. Leveraging our 75-year history of delivering nation-building infrastructure, we provide technical expertise and advanced engineering services to resolve complex challenges across the project lifecycle, from initial concept, feasibility, planning and design through to construction, commissioning, and operation and maintenance. In 2016, SMEC joined the Surbana Jurong Group, which is headquartered in Singapore and has a global workforce of over 16,000 employees across 120 offices in more than 40 countries in Asia, Australia, UK, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.

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