

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Local service team starts at White Rock Wind Farm***

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Goldwind Australia has selected the service team for White Rock Wind Farm with 9 of the 12-person team recruited locally. The service team is the permanent team engaged to perform operation and maintenance on the assets installed at White Rock Wind Farm, including Wind Turbine Generators and other equipment.

The service team will consist of eight service technicians, two trades assistants, an administrator and a service manager. Alongside the new team members that live locally, three remaining team members will be relocating to the local area from broader New South Wales and South Australia.

‘Where we can identify that there is capacity in the local community, we try our best to maximise opportunities for employment. Although it was essential that the new service technicians have a current trade qualification in the form of an Electricians or Mechanical Fitters licenses, we provide all on the job training required for working with Wind Turbine Generators and other equipment at the White Rock Wind Farm site.’ Said Matt Dickie, Service Manager for Goldwind

The first week on the job will focus on familiarising the new team with the project site.

‘This week the new service team will be undertaking inductions, including a Health and Safety induction. We’ll be getting the team familiar on site and for those new to the local area we’ll be showing them what Glen Innes and Inverell have to offer.’ Said Matt.

The new employees will then be travelling to Goulburn in the Southern Highlands of NSW over the coming weeks to undertake training at Goldwind’s operating project, Gullen Range Wind Farm.

Local sourcing of the service team is part of White Rock Wind Farm’s broader efforts to maximise community and economic benefits in the local area. The Local Business Participation Program, undertaken prior to the project construction commencement, was a key initiative used to source and engage local suppliers in the construction phase of the project.

Construction of stage one of White Rock Wind Farm commenced in May 2016 and is aimed to be complete by late 2017. At peak construction periods, the number of on-site construction staff has reached approximately 300 people. Seventeen turbines are now installed and the grid connection is expected to be energised in June.

## About White Rock Wind Farm

The \$400 million White Rock Wind Farm (WRWF) project is in the New England/Northern Tablelands region of NSW, approximately 20 kilometres west of Glen Innes and 40 east of Inverell. Project approval was granted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on 10 July 2012 for the construction and operation of up to 119 wind turbines in addition to related infrastructure. The project will be staged with 70 turbines in the first stage. Construction completion is targeted for late 2017. Once operational, the 175MW White Rock Wind Farm will generate enough renewable energy to service 75,000 homes.

Goldwind retains a 25% interest in the WRWF, whilst partnering with China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group Wind-Power Corporation (CECEP) for a 75% investment for full construction and operation of the project.

## About Goldwind Australia

Established in 2009, Goldwind's local Australian team offers comprehensive wind power solutions, including investment, construction, and operational and maintenance services.

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

## About CECEP

China Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection Group (CECEP) is China's largest technology-based service group in the field of energy conservation, emission reduction and environmental protection. CECWPC, a subsidiary of CECEP, was founded in 2006 and listed in Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2014, specializing in development, investment, management, construction and operation & maintenance of wind power projects.

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