



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Aurora Energy and Goldwind announces agreement for Wild Cattle Hill Wind Farm

AURORA Energy and Goldwind have today reached an in-principle agreement which will secure the construction of a 144MW wind farm at Cattle Hill in Tasmania's Central Highlands.

The long-term partnership will assist Aurora Energy to meet its obligations, extending to 2030, under national renewable energy legislation through the purchase of Tasmanian generated renewable energy certificates produced by the wind farm.

Aurora Energy CEO Rebecca Kardos said the energy retailer was pleased that it was partnering with a Tasmanian project of such significance.

"We strongly support the development of further renewable energy in Tasmania, and this project will help strengthen Tasmania's energy security," Mrs Kardos said.

The agreement represents a significant commitment by Aurora Energy which enhances Tasmania's renewable energy credentials and delivers local benefits to both its customers and the community.

The Wild Cattle Hill Wind Farm project is backed by Goldwind, who is also responsible for the development of other major wind farms in Australia.

Goldwind Australia Managing Director John Titchen said construction of 49 wind turbines is planned to commence in September 2017, with the \$300 million wind farm expected to provide a significant economic contribution to the State.

"The project is expected to employ more than 150 people during construction and have up to 10 permanent maintenance staff when fully operational in 2020," Mr Titchen said.

"We are particularly excited to have reached this stage of the project given our long interest in developing a project of this nature in Tasmania."

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