



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **THE LA GAN OFFSHORE WIND POWER PROJECT IS READY TO COMMENCE ITS OFFSHORE GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS**

Hanoi – Today, the La Gan Wind Power Development Corporation, developer of the 3.5 GW La Gan Offshore Wind Power Project owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Asiapetro and Novasia, signed a major offshore geological survey contract worth several USD millions: the La Gan GeoTechnical Survey Campaign Contract with Vietsovetro, a company part-owned by PetroVietnam. Due to the recent COVID 19 development in Vietnam, the signing was conducted virtually and witnessed by the Danish Ambassador to Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Kim Højlund Christensen.

Under this contract, Vietsovetro will engage PetroVietnam Technical Services Corporation (PTSC) and Fugro Singapore Ltd as sub-contractors to collect soil and rock samples deep under the seabed. The samples will be tested in sophisticated laboratories and used to build detailed ground models of the seabed under the wind farm area. These ground models are essential for designing the offshore foundation structures and subsea cables of the La Gan offshore wind farm.

*‘With the signing today, the investors of La Gan Offshore Wind Project reaffirm their commitment to move the project steadily forward despite the difficulties and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the government of Vietnam is on its way to finalize the Power Development Plan 8 (PDP 8) and establish relevant legal framework for offshore wind power projects, it is crucial that the authorities create an enabling environment for foreign investors, especially those who have a proven track record in the offshore wind power industry and serious determination to progress their projects, such as CIP. We, therefore, hope and trust that the government of Vietnam and relevant local authorities will take swift actions and give the Project the necessary permits and approvals to start the physical work as soon as possible. This will not only help create a good starting momentum for the sector but also contribute to the realization of the government’s vision for a sustainable and green energy sector.’* said H.E. Ambassador of Denmark in Vietnam, Mr. Kim Højlund Christensen, at the virtual signing ceremony.

Ms. Maya Malik, Chief Executive Officer of the La Gan Wind Power Development Corporation added: *‘Geotechnical surveys are essential for offshore wind projects to understand the seabed condition and progress the development of ground models and foundation designs. We are very proud to be the one of the first large scale offshore wind farms in Vietnam to sign such a contract. As a responsible and experienced developer, the La Gan Wind Power Development Corporation is honored to partner with Vietsovetro and its reputable sub-contractors, who will ensure that the surveys will be conducted to the highest safety, environmental and social standards. We are*

*also proud to implement a structure that supports the local supply chain and facilitates knowledge transfer between international and local suppliers.'*

Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Binh Thuan People's Committee in July 2020, the La Gan Offshore Windpower project has actively progressed development activities. With an estimated capital expenditure of up to US\$ 10 billion and a capacity of 3.5 GW, the project is one of the first large scale offshore wind projects in Vietnam. According to an economic impact study made by international experts from BVG Associates (World Bank consultants), the project will contribute more than US\$ 4.4 billion to the Vietnamese economy over the project lifetime. The project is also expected to create over 45,000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) local jobs in Vietnam, where 1 FTE is 1 job for 1 year. Once fully installed, the project is predicted to power more than 7 million households per year and avoid 130 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over its lifetime.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **The Danish-Vietnamese Energy Partnership**

- In 2013, Vietnam and Denmark entered a long-term cooperation agreement with the purpose of promoting a transition in Vietnam to a low-carbon economy. It is financed by the Danish government and administered by the Danish Energy Agency.
- The Danish Energy Agency cooperates with the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) in Vietnam through the joint Energy Partnership Programme (DEPP) between Vietnam and Denmark. The program covers energy efficiency in the industrial sector, integration of renewable energy into the power grid and long-term scenario modeling of the energy sector.
- The programme is currently entering its third phase DEPP III (2021-2025). Besides the above-mentioned areas, it will also include offshore wind as a component and a work stream focused on developing economic incentive schemes for energy efficiency improvements in the industrial sector in Vietnam.
- The Danish Energy Agency's Centre for Global Cooperation partners with 16 other countries, which in total account for more than 60% of the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The aim is to share Danish experiences on shaping an energy system that combines a green, low-carbon and reliable energy supply with economic growth.

For more information about Denmark in Vietnam, please visit: <http://vietnam.um.dk/>; <https://www.facebook.com/dkvietnam>

## **The La Gan Offshore Wind Farm Project**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), on behalf of its fund CI New Markets Fund I, together with Asiapetro and Novasia Energy, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Binh Thuan People's Committee to develop the 3.5 GW La Gan offshore wind farm project off the coast of Binh Thuan. The signing took place during the Vietnam Energy Summit 2020 High-level Forum and was witnessed by many Vietnamese high-ranking national and sector leaders and the industry consortium. In December 2020, CIP, Asiapetro and Novasia Energy established a joint company, the La Gan Wind Power Development Corporation, to develop the La Gan offshore wind farm project.

CIP is a leading global investor in offshore wind and has raised over US\$ 19 billion across several renewable energy focussed funds, including fund CI IV, which is the world's largest dedicated greenfield renewable energy fund to date. With the CI New Markets Fund I, CIP is managing a fund specifically targeted at the fast growing major new economies and with a current strong focus on Vietnam.

With a potential capacity of 3.5 GW, the La Gan offshore wind farm project is one of the first large scale offshore wind farm projects in Vietnam. It has the potential to raise Vietnam's profile in renewable energy within the region and in the world. To date, the Project has signed four survey contracts worth of approximately US\$ 10 million with reputable contractors and four Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with locally based foundation suppliers and harbour service providers.

For more information about La Gan offshore wind farm project, *please visit:*

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