

Solar foray signals winds of change at Suzlon

Bags projects for 210 MW in Telangana

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Wind turbine maker Suzlon Group has announced its foray into solar PV projects, bagging a 210-MW project from the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana.

The wind energy company won the project through a competitive bidding process. The 210-MW project consists of six different capacity projects to be located in Telangana. These projects — one project of 100 MW, one of 50 MW and four of 15 MW each — are expected to be commissioned during the 2016-17 financial year.

Tulsi Tanti, Chairman, Suzlon Group, said, "Solar and wind are complementary, hence we will leverage our project execution capabilities and end-end solutions to deliver solar projects. I am confident that our maiden solar journey will be a success, and has boosted Suzlon's strong presence in the renewable energy sector."

These solar projects will be developed under six different special purpose vehicles — one is an existing subsidiary of Suzlon, while five have been acquired by taking over 100 per cent shareholding. These would be used as the proposed solar special purpose vehicles for the project.

The acquisitions include Amun Solarfarms, Avighna Solarfarms, Prathamesh So-



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larfarms, Rudra Solarfarms and Vayudoot Solarfarms.

The Telangana utility had invited bids for procuring 2000 MW of solar PV projects through a tariff-based competitive bidding process with a unique distributed generation model to utilise the substation capacities across the State.

Suzlon had announced that it entered into a binding agreement and received advance payment for execution of a 197.40-MW wind generation capacity with one of the leading independent power producers in Andhra Pradesh.

The project, to be executed in Anantapur, entails installation of 47 wind turbines of S97-120 m hybrid tower.