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## **World's first solar project quality certification awarded to Suzlon and CLP India's project of 100 MW**

- Certification from DNV GL confirms all safety features and technical compliance with globally recognized standards
- 100 MW solar project is located in Veltoor, Telangana
- Project supplies energy to Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited

**Telangana, India:** Suzlon Energy, one of the leading renewable energy solutions provider announced that the world's first solar project quality certificate for photovoltaic (PV) power plants has been awarded to the Veltoor Solar Power Project in Telangana, owned by SE Solar Ltd. Suzlon's SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) with CLP India. The certificate was conferred by DNV GL, the global quality assurance and risk management company. The certification was carried out according to the service specification 'DNVGL-SE-0078' Project certification of photovoltaic power plants. It is the world's first, and currently only, global guideline for certifying solar PV projects.

The certification by DNV GL awarded to the Veltoor Solar Power Project conforms to all relevant safety features required of a solar park, and demonstrates technical compliance of the project with the globally recognized standards. The certification process encompassed an overall evaluation of the asset with an in-depth review of the design basis, design, grid code compliance, manufacturing process, transport and installation, commissioning and optionally in-service phases.

"The comprehensive requirements of DNV GL's certification provided a clear roadmap for us to ensure the highest quality as we designed and built Veltoor," said **Rajiv Mishra, Managing Director of CLP India**. "Operational excellence is part of our DNA and CLP maintains the highest-quality standards across all facets of our work. As the only certification body that provided complete guidelines for PV projects, DNV GL has worked hand-in-hand with us to help the Veltoor project meet our quality objectives."

**J P Chalasani, Group CEO, Suzlon said,** "The Indian renewable energy industry is poised for exponential growth and we are rightfully placed to capture the same. The certification from DNV GL is testament to our commitment to high quality projects and we are glad to have clear guidelines from DNV GL for the same. It gives us the confidence that we are on the right path as we expand our renewable energy footprint to deliver value to our stakeholders. Suzlon has now demonstrated turnkey capabilities in both wind and solar, giving us a strong competitive edge in India. With such capabilities we aim to harness the emerging opportunities in Wind-Solar Hybrid, which is gaining traction in India with around 5 GW of bid pipeline already sanctioned."

CLP India, one of the largest foreign investors in the Indian power sector, and Suzlon Group, one of the leading renewable energy solutions providers in the world, announced their joint venture for a 100 MW solar project at Veltoor in Telangana in 2016. The solar project by CLP India was developed by SE Solar Ltd., a special purpose vehicle (SPV) of Suzlon Energy Ltd and CLP India. This joint venture marked Suzlon's and CLP India's entry into the solar energy sector.

## About Suzlon Group

Suzlon Group is one of the leading renewable energy solutions provider in the world with an international presence across 18 countries in Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and Americas. Headquartered at Suzlon One Earth in Pune, India; the Group is comprised of Suzlon Energy Limited (NSE & BSE: SUZLON) and its subsidiaries. A vertically integrated organization, with over two decades of operational track record, the group has a cumulative installation of ~17.9 GW of wind energy capacity, over 7,600 employees with diverse nationalities and world-class manufacturing facilities. Suzlon is the only Indian wind energy company with a large in-house Research and Development (R&D) set-up in Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and India. Over 11.9 GW of the Group's installation is in India, which makes up for ~35% of the country's wind installations, making Suzlon the largest player in this sector. The Group is the custodian of over 11.9 GW of wind assets under service in India making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest operations and maintenance company (over 8,000 turbines) in Indian power sector. The Group also has around 4 GW of wind assets under service outside India.

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## About CLP India

CLP India is the wholly owned subsidiary of CLP Holdings Ltd, which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and is one of the leading investor-owned power businesses in Asia. Entering the Indian power sector in 2002, it has become one of the largest foreign investors in the Indian power sector with a total committed investment of over INR 14,500 Crores. The diversified and environmentally friendly generation portfolio, amounting to over 3,000 MW, covers renewable energy, supercritical coal and gas fired power plants.

CLP India is one of the largest renewable energy producers in India with operational and committed capacity of around 1100 MW across wind and solar. All the wind projects are wholly owned by CLP. The Veltoor solar project is the first joint venture project for CLP India. After this new investment, CLP India has extended its presence in India across eight states. CLP India was the first power company in South Asia and Southeast Asia to issue corporate green bonds, as well as the first Power Company in India to issue an asset-specific bond.

CLP entered the Indian Power Sector in the year 2002 with the acquisition of a 655 MW gas fired power plant which is located in Bharuch, Gujarat. This power plant was one of the first independent power projects in India and complies with the highest level of internationally accepted standards in safety and in environment conservation. In addition to this, CLP India owns and operates a 1,320 MW (2 X 660MW) supercritical coal-fired power plant in Jhajjar, Haryana, which is one of India's first supercritical coal-fired power plants.

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**Suzlon and CLP's Veltoor Solar Farm site**



**Suzlon and CLP's Veltoor Solar Farm has received the world's first solar project certificate from DNV GL.**