# GENERATION LICENCE APPLICATION

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Public Consultation SRV GRSF Pty Ltd as trustee for GRSF Trust Application for Transfer of Electricity Generation Licence

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# Glossary

BEI	Bright Energy Investments Pty Ltd					
CCP	Community Consultation Plan					
DSOC	Declared sent out Capacity					
DIF	Dutch Infrastructure Fund					
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacture					
GRSF	Greenough River Solar Farm					
GRSF1	Greenough River Solar Farm Stage 1 (existing)					
GRSF2	Greenough River Solar Farm Stage 2 (proposed)					
SRV GRSF	SRV GRSF Pty Ltd as trustee for GRSF Trust					
Synergy	Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation					
O&M	Operation and Maintenance					
MW	mega watt					
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement					
PoC	Point of Connection					
SWSDH	South West Solar Development Holdings					

#### 1. Introduction and Organisation Description

In 2018 Greenough River Solar Farm, a wholly owned subsidiary of South West Solar Development Holdings (**SWSDH**), sold Greenough River Solar Farm to SRV GRSF Pty Ltd as trustee for GRSF Trust (**SRV GRSF**).

SRV GRSF is wholly owned subsidiary of Bright Energy Investments Pty Ltd as trustee for Bright Energy Investments Trust (**BEI**). BEI is owned by Synergy, DIF and Cbus.

SRV GRSF owns and operates the 10 MW fixed panel solar photovoltaic power station located south-east of Geraldton, Western Australia (**GRSF1**). GRSF1 became operational in September 2012.

SRV GRSF is now seeking to construct a 30 MW expansion of the facility (**GRSF2**). SRV GRSF is applying for a transfer of generation licence EGL27 from Greenough River Solar Farm Pty Ltd, for the combined 40 MW Greenough River Solar Farm to be located in West Casuarinas, Western Australia.

## 2. Financial information

Robust assumptions underpinning projected revenue and expenditure figures were prepared and reviewed as part of the technical and financial due diligence process which was finalised in April 2018.

Embodied risks are typical for a large-scale solar generation facility and include construction, operational, market, financial, environmental, technology, climate/weather, political and regulatory risks.

Contractual provisions allow for mitigation of key risks. For example, risks to construction delays are mitigated through liquidated damages provisions in the EPC contract. Similarly a performance ratio and availability guarantees are incorporated into the O&M contracts which provides protection around production revenue.

Other risks, such as company risk and financial risk, are minimised due the experience and credit rating of BEI. Environmental risk is limited due to the nature of solar farms, permitting already obtained and clean history of existing 10MW facility. Furthermore, insurance programmes typically provide cover for major weather events such as lightning strike damage.

SRV GRSF intends to generate and sell energy, LGC's and capacity credits under long term power purchase agreements and expects to generate approximately 110 GWh per year.

Publicly available information relating to BEI owners can be found below.

Synergy annual reports:

https://www.synergy.net.au/About-us/News-and-announcements/Annual-reports

Cbus annual reports:

## https://www.cbussuper.com.au/about-us/annual-report

DIF is a private fund and hence does not have publicly available financial statements. Information relating to DIF and their investments can be found via the link below:

https://www.dif.eu/funds/fund-detail/117-dif-renewable-energy

#### 3. Technical information required

Greenough River Solar Farm is 50 km SEE of Geraldton and is located on the southern site of Walkaway Nangetty road, near the Mungarra substation. See APPENDIX 1 for the licence area.

## 3.1. GRSF1

GRSF1 commenced commercial operation in September 2012. GRSF1 is a 10 MW<sub>AC</sub> solar farm with approximately 12.6MW<sub>DC</sub> of fixed solar panels, 16 SMA inverters and eight transformers. GRSF1 was constructed by First Solar, the OEM, and has been operated and maintained by First Solar since commissioning.

#### 3.2. GRSF2

GRSF2 will have an installed inverter capacity of 40 MW<sub>AC</sub> and 37.11MW<sub>DC</sub>. The consolidated facility of GRSF1 and GRSF2 will have a DSOC of 40MW at the PoC. The GRSF2 40MW AC solar PV farm will be made up of 2 x 20 MW AC solar blocks, one located to the North of the existing GRSF1 and the other to the South. The solar arrays will be

installed with a single axis tracking system to increase the energy yield of the PV system. This system is of the horizontal single-axis balanced-mass type and will track the sun from east to west during a day and will include a stow function for after dusk and during high wind conditions.

Construction is to nominally start in August 2018 and run for a duration of approximately 10 months with practical completion expected in June 2019.

## 4. Public Interest Information

Greenough River Solar Farm has been warmly welcomed by what is a very small remote community. No public complaints or opposition have been received.

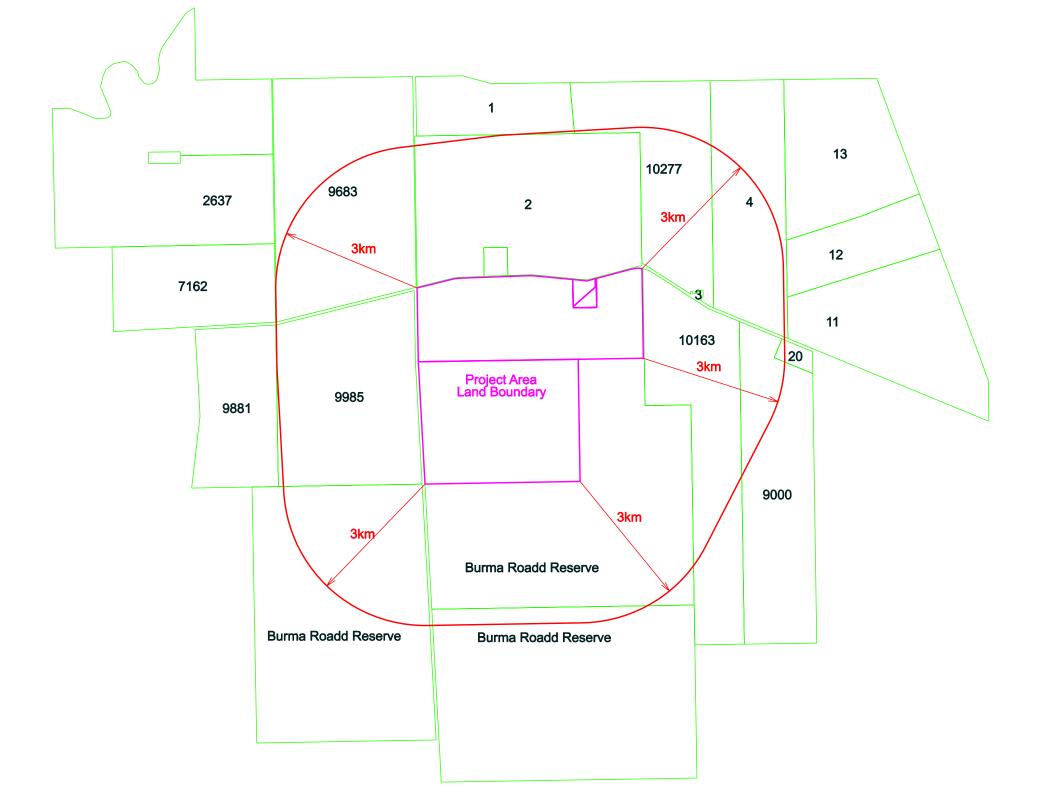
Before construction of stage one, a comprehensive feasibility study was completed to assess the social and environmental impacts on the surrounding area. Planning Approval for the project was obtained from the City of Geraldton-Greenough and the Shire of Mullewa in mid-2011.

A community consultation plan (CCP) has been developed in line with requirements. This CCP identifies key community stakeholders, the approach and methodology for engaging the community, and a concept implementation and delivery plan.

Development of GRSF2 will assist with increasing the competition in the electricity market.

Building GRSF2 will increase the level of renewable energy generation in Western Australia and assist meeting the federal RET.

**APPENDIX 1** – *Licence Area* 



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