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ALICE SPRINGS TO SHINE ITS SOLAR REPUTATION AT AIRPORT

Alice Springs' growing reputation as the solar centre of Australia will soon be evident to every person who arrives by plane, when the Alice Springs airport becomes the first airport in Australia to be powered by a large scale solar power station.

The second of five large scale iconic projects for Alice Solar City, the Alice Springs Airport Solar Power Station will deliver 600 Megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity to the Airport; approximately 28% of its demand.

General Manager of Alice Solar City Brian Elmer said the project will attract further attention to Alice Springs as the centre for world leading, clean energy technology.

"Alice Solar City has supported and encouraged the development of major "iconic" projects in and around Alice Springs that will play a critical part in our strategy of making Alice Springs a national and international showcase for sustainable living and the use of renewable energy."

"With the Airport being one of the biggest users of electricity in Alice Springs, we congratulate them on making such a big commitment to both the town and the environment with this major investment."

"Visitors to town will not be able to ignore the town's commitment to solar energy when they arrive into town from the southern entrance", says Brian Elmer.

"The Airport solar power station will compliment the Desert Knowledge Australia Solar Centre located two kilometres south on the Stuart Highway, and the proposed Ilparpa solar farm which is expected to be announced later this year".

It will be developed by leading Australian solar developer Ingenero, using 28 SolFocus Concentrator Photovoltaic (CPV) tracking arrays, measuring eight metres wide and seven metres high.

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The total cost of the Project is \$2.264 million, with \$1.132 million provided by the Australian Government through Alice Solar City.

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About Alice Solar City

The Alice Springs Solar City Consortium is led by the Alice Springs Town Council and includes broad community support from the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, Tangentyere Council, the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre and the Arid Lands Environment Centre. Funding sources include the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government, Power and Water Corporation, and Alice Springs Town Council.

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