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# Goldwind Australia Pty Ltd - Wind Tower Price Analysis

We refer to our engagement by Goldwind Australia Pty Ltd ("GWA") to prepare an analysis comparing estimated prices from various manufacturers for the production of wind turbines for use in the Gullen Range Wind Farm project.

Outlined below is a summary of the analysis and the conclusions that were reached in respect of this analysis.

### Information provided

GWA put out a request for tender in relation to the manufacture of GW 100/2.5MW and GW 82/1.5MW towers for the Gullen Range Wind Farm project. Various manufacturers provided GWA with quotations to secure the work for the Gullen Range Wind Farm project. The manufacturers included the following Chinese suppliers:

- TSP (the ultimate winner of the 2.5 MW tower contract);
- and

And the following Australian suppliers:

- Keppel Prince Engineering ("KPE") (winner of the 1.5 MW tower contract); and<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 56 towers with 2.5MW capacity and 17 towers with 1.5MW capacity were required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In relation to the 1.5 MW towers, we note that KPE reduced its initial quote after negotiation. Both the initial quote and the final price from KPE are included in our analysis.



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GWA also provided the tender price received from a related party, in relation to the 2.5 MW towers for the Gullen Range Wind Farm project, 3 as well as prices for wind towers sold in relation to various Chinese domestic wind farm projects in 2012.4

Our analysis is therefore based upon price information and other data provided by GWA, as received by GWA from both related and third parties.

### **KPMG** analysis

The data provided was compared and contrasted with the various quotations received from Chinese manufacturers and Australian manufacturers with Chinese domestic prices.

To perform our analysis, a number of adjustments were made to the data provided for both 2.5 MW and 1.5 MW specifications to ensure comparability between the estimated prices of Australian sourced wind towers, the Chinese sourced wind towers exported to Australia, and the Chinese manufactured wind towers that were sold in the domestic Chinese market. These comparability adjustments are described in detail below.

## Comparability adjustments

Adjustments were made to the estimated prices of the wind towers received for different projects to ensure consistency when comparing the various data points. These include:

### Tower heights/weights

The wind towers for Chinese domestic projects had different heights and weights when compared with the wind towers used for the Gullen Range Wind Farm project. As the main raw material used is steel, different weights mean that a different amount of steel is used in manufacturing the towers, which affects the tower cost. In order to eliminate the variation of tower weight, a calculation and comparison was undertaken for the wind towers based on price per ton basis to ensure comparability between the tower prices.

### Exchange rate

The Chinese domestic prices provided were in RMB. Accordingly, the monthly average AUD/RMB exchange rate as published by the RBA was used to convert the price from RMB to AUD. The exchange rate used was the month in which the price was quoted, or where available the month in which the final contract was agreed. This adjustment was made to ensure that the prices of all the wind towers can be compared in the same currency.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We understand that the is based on the TSP price, marked up to reflect additional value added services provided by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The China domestic projects consist of both 2.5 MW and 1.5 MW towers with original currencies in Renminbi ("RMB"). This information was provided to enable a comparison to be made between the prices of Chinese manufactured wind towers sold in the domestic Chinese market and the prices of Chinese manufactured wind towers sold in Australia.



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## Conclusion

KPE Price (Initial Quote)

KPE Price (After Negotiation)

TSP --> GWA Price - Gullen Range

China Domestic Bid Price (Wt. Av.)

The results of our comparability analysis indicate that the price per ton of the Chinese manufactured wind towers sold into the Australian market are higher than the price per ton of

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the Chinese manufactured wind towers sold into the domestic Chinese market. For example, the TSP price per ton is higher than the Chinese domestic price for the 2.5M wind towers and higher for the 1.5M wind towers.

As the allegation of dumping from the Australian wind tower manufacturers against the Chinese manufactured wind towers was based on the argument that the prices of the Chinese manufactured wind towers in Australia were lower than the equivalent domestic Chinese prices, our analysis appears to provide evidence to refute those claims.

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These comments are made specifically in response to your request for advice on behalf of GWA. Accordingly, neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person or company other than GWA for any errors or omissions in the advice given, however caused.

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