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FILE NOTE

RECORD OF VISIT TO CAPITAL EAST SOLAR FARM

Date: 14 August 2014

Location: Bungendore

Attendees:

Infigen Energy

Mr Tom Best – Construction Manager

Ms Anna Cain – Development Manager

Anti-Dumping Commission

Ms Joanne Reid – Case Director

Mr Sanjay Sharma – Case Manager

Ms Chris Kunaratnam – Senior Investigator

Background

Following the initiation of the investigation into certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules or panels (PV modules or panels (the goods)) exported to Australia from the People's Republic of China (China), Infigen Energy contacted the Commission to discuss its concerns regarding the goods under investigation. Infigen invited the Commission to visit its solar demonstration facility, Capital East Solar Farm at Bungendore.

Capital Solar Farm project

Capital Solar Farm Pty Ltd (Capital Solar Farm) is in the final development stages of a large-scale grid connected solar farm utilising 130,000 PV modules. Capital Solar Farm has executed a contract with an Australian construction contractor for the engineering, procurement and construction services (EPC Contract) for this project. The Australian construction contractor will supply 72 cell PV modules with power output of between 300 watts and 305 watts. The Contractor will procure the PV modules as part of its contract with Capital Solar Farm. Following construction, Capital Solar Farm will retain ownership of the solar farm and will manage its operation.

Concerns of Infigen Energy

As Capital Solar Farm has executed the EPC contract, Infigen has made submissions to the Commission that the 72 cell PV modules with power output of more than 300W are not produced by the Australian industry. Infigen considers that imported PV modules producing power output of more than 300 watts are not 'like goods' to the goods produced by the Australian industry and should be excluded from the goods under investigation.

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The visit

The Commission visited the solar demonstration facility in Bungendore to gain a better understanding of the PV modules used in large-scale utility projects. The facility had in place strings of both 60 cell and 72 cell PV modules with various combinations of ground mounting assemblies, inverters and other accessories.

At the site visit Infigen Energy explained the characteristics and advantages of 72 cell, 300 watt PV panels, the financial and other impacts on the project if smaller modules were used and why it considered Tindo could not meet its requirements. This information is largely contained in the submission of Infigen Energy dated 30 June 2014.