

**Oman Power and Water Procurement Company
announces launch the development of two solar IPPs at Manah**

In line with Oman's vision to diversify fuel sources through the use of clean energy for power generation, Oman Power and Water Procurement Company SAOC ("**OPWP**"), a member of Nama Group, is pleased to announce the launch of two (2) solar Independent Power Projects (IPPs) in Oman (namely, Manah Solar I IPP and Manah Solar II IPP). This launch follows the successful tendering of OPWP's first utility scale solar IPP (Ibri II Solar project), which was awarded in April 2019 with targeted commercial operation date of June 2021.

The procurement of Manah Solar I and Manah Solar II IPPs are in support of the Government policy to encourage the use of renewable energy to meet the growing demand for electricity in Oman. The implementation of these projects shall follow the successful IPP model established in Oman, using a transparent competition process to award the contracts to two highly qualified private sector companies delivering world class technology solutions.

The two projects will be built, owned and operated by the private sector and the scope of the projects includes financing, procurement, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance. Each project will attract investment of multiple hundreds of million dollars. The projects will be located adjacent to each other at a site in Manah, approximately 150 km from Muscat. Each project will have a generation capacity between **500 MW** to **600 MW**. It is planned that the award of the project will be in Q3 2020 and the projects are to be commercially operational by **Q4 2022**.

With Oman's continuous growth, implementation of wider scale solar power projects based on the IPP model will allow OPWP to achieve its objectives of sustainably providing power generation capacity. The sector will aim to implement solar power projects with a focus on building local capabilities in line with the Nama Group's sustainability strategy.

The Request for Qualification is available for purchase from the offices of OPWP from 15 July to 29 July 2019 and can be collected between the hours of 08:30 to 15:00 from Sunday to Thursday.

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