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NextPower UK ESG

NextPower UK ESG Exceeds Fundraising Target by 25%

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”), a leading global renewables manager specialised on the solar+ infrastructure sector, is delighted to announce that a large UK defined benefit scheme has committed to NextPower UK ESG (“NPUK”) taking total funds committed to date to **£625m**, 25% above its target of £500m. NPUK continues to actively fundraise towards its hard cap of £1b, with several investors currently in late-stage due diligence and further capital expected to be closed in the following months.

NPUK is a private UK solar fund that focuses on acquiring utility-scale solar and Battery Storage (“BESS”) assets at the ready-to-build stage, constructing them through energisation in order to build a large operating portfolio of solar and BESS assets. Once the assets are operational, NPUK monetises its power sales through a fully contracted strategy which takes a hands-on approach to risk mitigation and value creation whilst optimising assets over the fund's life. Since its launch in August 2022, NPUK has already been able to make two distribution payments to its investor base alongside reporting impressive Net Asset Value (“NAV”) growth.

The success of NPUK is in part attributable to the swift deployment of capital which started just seven weeks after the fund's first close with the acquisition of two operational seed assets, Llanwern, (South Wales, 75MW), and Strensham (Worcestershire, 40MW) that had been built for the fund.

Since then, NPUK has acquired a further eight UK utility-scale solar assets, giving it a diversified portfolio of ten assets with a capacity of 497MW. NPUK expects to announce that several of its construction assets will commence operations through Q2 and Q3 2024, further boosting the fund's performance.

NPUK is on track to at least achieve its return and dividend targets, with dividends to date being significantly above the target. Once fully deployed at approximately 2GW capacity, NPUK will provide enough clean energy to power around 500,000 UK households per year, making a significant ESG impact in the UK.

Michael Bonte-Friedheim, NextEnergy Group CEO and Founder, said:

“We are delighted to mark yet another significant milestone with NextPower UK ESG, and I am proud to announce that a UK defined benefit scheme has joined us, bringing the total funds committed to

over c.£625m, which is 25% above the target of £500m. This is a testament to NextEnergy Capital's leadership in the solar energy sector. As a private new-build solar strategy that focuses on acquiring utility-scale solar assets at the ready-to-build stage in the UK, NPUK investors benefit from the market leading expertise we bring alongside our hands-on approach to value creation and asset optimisation."

Shane Swords, Managing Director and Head of Investor Relations at NextEnergy Capital, commented:

"Since its inception in August 2022, NPUK has demonstrated solid progress, and has already distributed strong dividends to our investors while showcasing significant NAV. This success is underpinned by a large pipeline and swift capital deployment, which commenced just seven weeks after the fund's first close, with the fund now having nearly 500MW. The Fund will provide clean energy generation for approximately 500,000 UK households annually.

All NEC Funds are experiencing strong fundraising momentum, which can be attributed to our track record, lengthy experience in the sector and the value that investors are now attributing to specialist managers."

Further information:

NextPower UK ESG

NPUK is a 10-year closed-ended private fund managed by NextEnergy Capital. It is a private unlevered Fund investing in new-build solar projects, backed by PPAs, in the UK.

- Launched in December 2021 targeting £500m, to invest into post-subsidy solar plants in the UK with contracted revenues.
- The UK Infrastructure Bank provided cornerstone match-funding capital for up to £250m.
- The Fund has since been supported by some of the largest LGPS pools in the UK as well as sophisticated investors ranging from the Middle East to Japan.
- Offers investors the opportunity to earn attractive risk-adjusted returns from solar PV infrastructure in the UK.
- Fund returns are then enhanced through NextEnergy Capital's expertise in technical outperformance, private wire agreements, repowering and storage additionality
- Benefits from access to the Fund's own secured and proprietary pipeline
- Real, measurable additionality ESG impacts, including biodiversity measures and community engagement

NextEnergy Group

NextEnergy Group was founded in 2007 to become a leading market participant in the international solar sector. Since its inception, it has been active in the development, construction, and ownership of solar assets across multiple jurisdictions. NextEnergy Group operates via its three business units: NextEnergy Capital (Investment Management), WiseEnergy (Operating Asset Management) and Starlight (Project Development).

NextEnergy Capital

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”) comprises the Group's investment management activities. To date, NEC has invested in over 400 individual solar plants for a capacity in excess of 3GW across its institutional funds. www.nextenergycapital.com

- **First Fund:** [NextEnergy Solar Fund \(“NESF”\)](#), is a specialist solar energy and energy storage fund, which is listed on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange. It currently has an installed capacity of 1,015MW spread among 103 individual operating assets in the UK and Italy, comprising an unaudited gross asset value of £1,155m. NESF is one of the largest listed solar and energy storage investment companies in the world.
- **Second Fund:** [NextPower II \(“NPII”\)](#), a private fund made up of 105 individual operating solar power plants and an installed capacity of 149MW, focused on consolidating the substantial, highly fragmented Italian solar market. Launched in 2016, NPII was successfully divested in January 2022 at IRRs significantly in excess of its gross target of 10-12%.
- **Third Fund:** [NextPower III ESG \(“NPIII ESG”\)](#), is a private fund exclusively focused on the international solar infrastructure sector, principally targeting projects in carefully selected OECD countries, including the US, Portugal, Spain, Chile, Poland, Greece, and Italy. NPIII is now fully invested with 173 assets, totalling 1.9GW. NPIII completed its fundraising with a total of \$896m, including an SMA raised. The target of the fund was \$750m.
- **Fourth Fund:** [NextPower UK ESG \(“NPUK ESG”\)](#), is a private unlevered fund investing in greenfield subsidy-free solar projects, with PPA's, in the UK. NPUK ESG is a 10-year closed-ended private fund targeting £500m. To date, NPUK has raised total commitments of £625m, with the UK Infrastructure Bank providing cornerstone match-funding of £250m.
- **Fifth Fund:** [NextPower V ESG \(“NPV ESG”\)](#), is a private contracted solar strategy that offers investors the opportunity to earn strong risk-adjusted returns from the solar PV infrastructure asset class with a highly experienced team and a track record of success in solar deployment globally. The strategy will primarily invest in OECD solar assets and adjacent technologies (e.g. battery storage) in the target markets. NPV ESG has to date raised \$745m in commitments (including \$150m in co-investment allocations) and is targeting \$1.5bn in size with a \$2bn ceiling.

Further information on the NextEnergy Group is available at: <https://www.nextenergygroup.com/>

WiseEnergy®

WiseEnergy® is NextEnergy Group's asset operator. WiseEnergy is a leading specialist asset operator in the solar sector. Currently, WiseEnergy provides development, construction and operating services to over 1,500 solar and battery assets with an installed capacity in excess of 2.5GW. Its asset management clients include listed solar funds (in addition to the Company), banks, private equity funds and other specialist investors. Further information on WiseEnergy is available at: www.wise-energy.com

Starlight

Starlight is NextEnergy Group's development company that is active in the development phase of solar projects. It has developed over 100 utility-scale projects internationally and continues to progress a large pipeline of c.10GW of both green and brownfield project developments across global geographies.

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