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NextPower V ESG

NextPower V ESG Makes CfD Acquisition

NextEnergy Capital (“NEC”), a leading global renewables manager specialised on the solar+ infrastructure sector, is delighted to announce NextPower V ESG (“NPV ESG”) has made its first acquisition in Poland.

The portfolio comprises operating plants totalling 65.6MW and benefits from 100% contracted revenues that are CPI linked for at least 15 years after being awarded a Contract for Difference (“CfD”) through the domestic renewable energy auctions. The portfolio was acquired from an experienced investor and developer of renewable energy projects that manages over 2GW of projects in various stages of development in the region.

This acquisition highlights the momentum in capital deployment and follows the acquisition of a 100MW project in Florida. It also demonstrates the continued success of NEC in Poland, having recently refinanced a €46.5 million debt financing facility for NextPower III ESG (“NP III ESG”) across a 94MW operating solar portfolio in the country. NP III ESG is NPV ESG's predecessor OECD investment fund. The refinancing enabled NextPower III ESG to recycle further capital into its projects in construction across Europe.

NPV ESG is an OECD-focused solar and battery storage strategy targeting \$1.5 billion with a \$2 billion hard cap that has recently secured a \$265 million second close after investment commitments from a UK LGPS investment pool, a Dutch pension fund, and another re-up from an existing NP III ESG investor and reached \$745 million (including \$150million for co-investments) in total commitments to date.

NPV ESG's investment strategy targets the solar+ infrastructure sector in carefully selected OECD markets, with the objective of building significant portfolios in each target market, creating value with a hands-on approach, establishing an operational track record before divesting the portfolio before the end of the fund's life in 2033. NPV ESG leverages NEC's track record of successful investments in the solar+ infrastructure sector since 2007, with over 400 utility-scale projects acquired and previous funds delivering superior financial returns to investors.

NPV ESG has several other investment opportunities from its 18GW pipeline that NEC is targeting to close in short order. NPV ESG is expected to pay dividends, even during the investment phase. NPV ESG's pipeline includes projects in Spain, Poland, Italy, Canada, and the US.

Upon reaching its investment ceiling and delivering c.4GW, NPV ESG is forecasted to generate enough clean energy to power the equivalent of up to 1.1 million households per year and avoid an estimated fossil fuel consumption of up to nearly 220 million m³ of natural gas annually. This underscores NEC's commitment to sustainable investing and aligns with its mission of leading the transition to clean energy while generating attractive financial returns for its investors.

Aldo Beolchini, Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer at NextEnergy Group, commented:

"The acquisition of the solar PV portfolio in Poland rapidly follows the recent announcement on NPV ESG securing a \$265 million second close. As we progress towards our investment ceiling and deliver on our pipeline of projects across Europe, Canada, and the US, we are helping countries make significant strides in reducing their fossil fuel consumption, increasing energy independence and lowering power prices for consumers."

Antonio Salvati, Managing Director and Head of NextPower V ESG at NextEnergy Capital, said:

"We are delighted to announce NextPower V ESG's inaugural acquisition in Poland, with this 65.6MW solar PV portfolio. The acquisition marks a significant milestone in our commitment to the solar+ infrastructure sector, propels our mission of leading the clean energy transition, and at the same time offers attractive returns for investors."

Further information:

NextPower V ESG

NextPower V ESG is a contracted OECD 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 OECD-based solar deployment. The strategy will primarily invest in OECD solar assets and adjacent technologies (e.g. battery storage) in the target markets. NPV ESG is targeting \$1.5bn in size with a \$2bn ceiling.

- **Opportunity Set:** Global renewable targets for 2050 demonstrate the necessity for further renewable deployment, most importantly solar as the proven and stable technology.
- **Team:** International solar fund with energy transition technology, led by the market leading solar investment team that headed NextPower III ESG ("NP III ESG").
- **Proprietary Sourcing:** Deal flow from in-house developer and NEC's market access provides significant sourcing advantage.
- **Demonstrable Pipeline:** The team has developed a pipeline of 18GW reducing investment risk and providing a high degree of visibility on deployment.
- **Compelling Returns:** Targeting mid double-digit returns.
- **Long-Term Stable Cash Flows:** Revenue model backed by robust, credit-worthy PPAs leveraging the team's OECD-based PPA expertise.
- **Return Enhancement:** Through NEC's expertise in technical outperformance, efficient leverage, asset optimisation, and storage additionality.
- **ESG Impacts:** Classified as an Article 9 Fund under the EU SFDR providing tangible and measurable impact including biodiversity measures.

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 1,014MW spread among 103 individual operating assets in the UK and Italy, comprising an unaudited gross asset value of £1,173m. 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 fundraise 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 £595m exceeding its target within six months of first close, 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 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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