



## Wilson Transformer Company to play vital role in major renewable energy project

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Wilson Transformer Company, with manufacturing bases in Albury-Wodonga and Glen Waverley, has secured a major contract to partner a major renewable energy project.

The White Rock Wind Farm in the New England Tablelands near Glen Innes is currently under construction, and when completed will be the largest wind farm in New South Wales.

The wind farm is being built by Goldwind Australia. At completion of the \$400-million-dollar development, the wind farm is expected to power 75,000 homes annually.

The NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy and Member for the Northern Tablelands, Adam Marshall has congratulated Wilson Transformer Company for being chosen as a crucial partner in the renewable energy project.

"The NSW Government acknowledges that Wilson Transformer Company is an Australian family-owned company that supports more than 100 jobs in regional NSW," Mr Marshall said.

"Today's announcement proves that Australian manufacturing can compete against global suppliers by offering quality innovative products and a commitment to customer service.

"With a total installed capacity of 340 MW, the White Rock Wind Farm will be the largest in NSW, representing around \$400 Million of capital investment and up to 200 jobs."

The first stage of the wind farm (175 MW) is currently under construction and expected to be operational by the end of 2017.

Goldwind Australia Senior Manager, John Gardner endorsed the Minister's comments.

"Goldwind has a strategy to maximise local content in our projects, and as a result of this strategy we were very pleased to award the contract to Wilson Transformer Company (WTC)," Mr. Gardner said.

"This is the third major contract with WTC and it demonstrates that when Australian manufacturers innovate, they can be very competitive."

Wilson Transformer Company Managing Director Ed Wilson says the contract is a resounding endorsement in the quality and capability of the Australian owned company which employs more than 500 people across Australia.

"We are very proud to support the development of renewable energy in Australia and partner with Goldwind Australia as they develop the White Rock Wind Farm" Mr. Wilson said.

"Our transformers provide the critical link between the generators and their customers.

"By manufacturing these products locally, we contribute to the employment of more than two thousand Australians in New South Wales and Victoria."

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## **About Goldwind**

Goldwind Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology, a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions.

Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code 002202) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (stock code 2208).

High quality manufacturing is the foundation for Goldwind's business, along with excellent customer service and technological innovation. Bloomberg New Energy Finance recently ranked Goldwind as number one in the world for newly installed capacity in 2015.

In 2015 Goldwind installed more than 7.8 GW with accumulated installed capacity exceeding 32 GW.

## **About Wilson Transformer Company**

Established in 1933, Wilson Transformer Company (WTC) is the largest manufacturer of Power Transformers in Australia. Their products provide reliable electricity supply in Networks throughout Australia and the World.

WTC transformers provided power to the London Olympics, the Euro Tunnel and the (then) largest windfarm in the world located in Scotland.

Closer to home, there is a Wilson Transformer providing power to every light tower at the MCG.

WTC is the first Australian company to be approved as a Global supplier to Chevron.

Their transformers are a critical part of both Solar Flagship projects where 240 Hectares of panels are installed at Nyngan and 120 Hectares of panels are installed at Broken Hill.