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NEW ENERGY SOLAR (ASX: NEW) ACQUISITION

NEW ENERGY SOLAR ACQUIRES INTEREST IN 125MW OPERATING SOLAR FACILITY IN NEVADA, USA WITH 20-YEAR PPA

New Energy Solar¹ (ASX:NEW) announced that it has acquired a 49% interest in the Boulder Solar I Facility (**Boulder**), an operational 125 MW_{DC} project in Clarke County, Nevada, from SunPower Corp (NASDAQ:SPWR) (**SunPower**). Boulder has been operating for over 12 months, selling 100% of the power and renewable energy credits generated to NV Energy under a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement (**PPA**). NV Energy, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, is a major utility serving over 1.2 million customers across a territory covering 90% of Nevada. New Energy Solar will fund the acquisition with US\$55m from cash reserves.

Boulder is a significant renewable energy asset, generating over 279,000 megawatt hours of electricity annually. The electricity generated by Boulder is one of the energy sources that has allowed Las Vegas to become the largest US city to rely solely on renewable energy for city facilities. The quantity of electricity generated by Boulder is equivalent to displacing more than 210,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions, powering 28,500 homes, or removing 50,000 cars from the road, every year.²

New Energy Solar CEO, John Martin, noted "Boulder enhances our portfolio in a number of ways. It is fully operational, having been generating and selling power for more than 12 months, so will contribute immediately to our cash flow. It is also located in Nevada, a new and attractive electricity market for New Energy Solar. Nevada has strong economic growth, an excellent solar resource, and a progressive regulatory regime that is favourable to renewable energy. Boulder is a strong addition to the business and we are happy to jointly own this asset with Southern Power and to have a counterparty of the calibre of NV Energy for the offtake."

Southern Power, a subsidiary of Southern Company (NYSE: SO) and one of the largest integrated energy companies in the US, acquired its 51% interest in Boulder during the plant's construction in 2016. Southern Power will provide asset management services and SunPower will continue to provide operations and maintenance services. Developed, designed and

¹ New Energy Solar Limited (**Company**) and Walsh & Company Investments Limited as responsible entity of New Energy Solar Fund (**Trust**), together **New Energy Solar**.

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constructed by SunPower, Boulder uses SunPower® Oasis® Power Plant technology. New Energy Solar's operational California assets also use SunPower equipment and technology.

The Boulder acquisition is expected to generate a five-year average gross yield of approximately 6.6% per annum (before transaction costs and fees). At transaction completion, New Energy Solar will own interests in a diversified 350MW_{DC} portfolio of operational, large scale solar power plants.

New Energy Solar's US-based Executive Director, Tom Kline said, "The acquisition of an operating asset of the size and quality of Boulder clearly indicates that New Energy Solar is establishing itself as a key participant in the fast growing US renewables market. Boulder is an asset that operates well, employs top-tier technology, has a 20-year PPA with a credit-worthy counterparty and will be a valuable contributor to returns for our investors."

The Boulder acquisition follows the announcement on October 6, 2017 of the CCR Portfolio transaction and the announcement on February 1, 2018 of the 200MW_{DC} project acquisition, together representing a further 330MW_{DC} of committed or in-construction large-scale solar. Once those projects are fully operational, New Energy Solar will have interests in 680MW_{DC} of operating solar plants across the United States.

When operational, New Energy Solar's total portfolio of 680MW_{DC} will generate more than 1,400,000 megawatt hours of electricity annually. This amount of electricity is equivalent to displacing more than 895,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions, powering 156,000 homes, or removing 213,000 cars from the road, every year³.

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About New Energy Solar

New Energy Solar was established in November 2015 to invest in a diversified portfolio of solar assets across the globe and help investors benefit from the global shift to renewable energy. The Business acquires large scale solar power plants with long term contracted power purchase agreements. In addition to attractive financial returns, this strategy generates significant positive environmental impacts for investors.

Since establishment, New Energy Solar has raised over A\$500 million of equity, acquired a portfolio of world-class solar power plants, and has a deep pipeline of opportunities primarily across the United States and Australia. New Energy Solar's initial public offering was led by Morgan Stanley and its securities trade on the Australian Securities Exchange under the ticker, NEW.

New Energy Solar is a listed stapled entity consisting of New Energy Solar Fund (ARSN 609 154 298) and New Energy Solar Limited (ACN 159 902 708). For more information, visit: www.newenergysolar.com.au

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