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Sub: Suggestions/Comments on 100 MW Solar PV Power Project in Manipur.

Ref: NIB No. 7/SPD(100MW)/RFS/2021-22/MANIREDA dated 21st Dec' 2020

Dear Shri Kh. Raghumani Singh

Greetings from Solar Power Developers Association.

We are an independent industry association, committed to promoting the solar sector in India. We provide a neutral platform for policy advocacy, discussions, and examination of issues critical to the development of the solar sector and are well recognized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (GoI). SPDA represents around 50-member companies from the solar sector providing their assistance in policy evolution and a healthier investment climate for renewable energy projects and services. The member companies of SPDA includes all the large players who have actively contributed with more than 75% of total capacity operation in India.

At the outset, we commend the State Government's positive outlook and for promoting Renewable Energy in the State of Manipur. Recently MANIREDA has invited tender for Selection of Solar Power Developer for setting up of 100 MW Grid-Connected Solar PV Power Project at Jiribam, Manipur and 25 years long term PPA shall be signed by MSPCL for 100% off-take of power.

The solar power developers hereby express to commit a long-term relationship with the Govt. of Manipur for bringing in largescale private investment in the State for sustainable development through implementation of solar projects in the State and the North Eastern Region.

We would like to bring to you kind attention that some of the SPDs have highlighted that the current tender conditions are not very encouraging to invest in project due to hurdles in statutory approvals and financial unviability to arrange debt financing for the project. We are submitting herewith comments and suggestions from our members for the tender document invited by MANIREDA for the 100 MW solar project in Jiribam district and sincerely believe our suggestions shall be favorably considered by your Department, Govt. of Manipur.

We look forward to your kind support in the matter.

With best regards,

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Yours Sincerely,

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To,
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