

## **JAPAN'S LARGEST SOLAR POWER PROJECT FUNDED WITH MARKET-LEADING INVESTMENT BY GE AND TOYO ENGINEERING, AND \$867MILLION DEBT SYNDICATE**

**OKAYAMA, JAPAN, September 29, 2014** – Kuni Umi Asset Management, GE (NYSE: GE) unit GE Energy Financial Services and Toyo Engineering Corporation have invested in Japan's largest solar power project, a 231-megawatt facility to be built in Setouchi City, Okayama Prefecture, via special purpose company and representative member Setouchi Future Creations. GE Energy Financial Services holds a 60 percent stake in the project, one of the largest single equity investments in renewable energy in Japan. Financial details were not disclosed.

To support the approximately \$1.1 billion project, the three owners have raised more debt than any prior renewable energy project in the country. An \$867 million loan -- led by Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Mizuho Bank and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation -- was provided on a non-recourse project finance basis by a syndicate of Japanese banks, including local financial institutions.

Toyo Engineering and Shimizu Corporation will build the solar photovoltaic plant beginning in November on 260 hectares (1,210 acres) of city land on the former Kinkai salt field. The project is expected to reach commercial operations in the second quarter of 2019 and sell its power to Chugoku Electric Power Company under a 20-year power purchase agreement that uses Japan's renewable energy feed-in-tariff regime. Chudenko Corporation will provide operations and maintenance services.

Yasuyo Yamazaki, the president and chief executive officer of Kuni Umi Asset Management and a key player in the project, said: "In addition to the Setouchi solar project, we developed a mega-solar power plant in Mito-city Ibaraki Prefecture and started the construction of a woodchip biomass fuel power plant in Kawaminami-cho, Miyazaki Prefecture. Now we are planning a wind farm in Nakadomari-cho, Aomori Prefecture. With these projects, we are contributing to the Ideal Region Development with renewable energy."

Sushil Verma, a managing director and Japan business leader at GE Energy Financial Services, said: "Japan's favorable regulatory policies make solar power attractive and diversify the country's power generation sources. For us, the Kuni Umi project expands our international and

renewable energy footprints, which already include investment commitments of \$1.8 billion in equity and debt in more than one gigawatt of solar power projects worldwide.”

In addition to capital, GE will supply some of the inverters -- marking the debut in Japan of the *GE 1 MW Brilliance Solar Inverter*, which eliminates the need for an intermediate transformer, resulting in higher conversion efficiency and superior grid performance.

**Notes to editors:**

All (\$) dollar denominated figures are approximated based on current currency conversion rates.

**Outline of the Syndicated Loan**

(1) Composition Amount	Total Amount approximately ¥90 billion commitment line
(2) Methodology	General Syndication
(3) Signing Date	September 26, 2014
(4) Contract Term	22.5 years
(5) Objective	Capital investment on Setouchi Solar Project
(6) Mandated Lead Arrangers	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Mizuho Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

**Outline of Setouchi Kirei Solar Power Plant**



(Rendering)

A proposal prepared by “Setouchi Kirei Mirai-dukuri” as a representative company of Kuni Umi Asset Management in a public competition for using a vacant lot of the Kinkai salt field in July 2012 was selected because the solar power generation business is expected to trigger a revitalization of the entire city. In addition, the project is appropriate for the region in terms of safety and preservation of the environment.

## Setouchi Future Creations LLC (SPC)

(1) Company	Setouchi Future Creations LLC (Setouchi Kirei Mirai-dukuri)
(2) Location of HQ	3-2-3, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Senior Partner	Kuni Umi Asset Management Co.,Ltd.
(4) Date of Foundation	August 17, 2012
(5) Investment Ratio	GE Energy Financial Services: 60 % Toyo Engineering : 30 % Kuni Umi Asset Management : 10 %

## Outline of Founders

(1) Company	Kuni Umi Asset Management Co. Ltd
(2) Location of HQ	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Nippon Oil Building, 3-4-2, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
(3) Representative	Yasuyo Yamazaki, President & CEO
(4) Business	Power generation of renewable energy and ideal region development
(5) Date of Foundation	February 16, 2012
(6) Capital	250 Million JPN Yen ( as of April 1, 2013)
(7) Related Group Company	Sun-Based Economy Association Research Institute for Growth Strategy Inc

(1) Company	Toyo Engineering Corporation
(2) Location of HQ	2-8-1, Akanehama, Narashino-shi, Chiba
(3) Representative	Katsumoto Ishibashi, President
(4) Business	Engineering and Construction for Industrial Facilities
(5) Date of Foundation	May1,1961
(6) Capital	18.1Billion JPN Yen ( as of Mar.31, 2014)

(1) Company	GE Energy Financial Services
(2) Location of HQ	800 Long Ridge Road Stamford, CT USA 06927
(3) Representative	David Nason, President and CEO
(4) Business	Energy, Financial Services
(5) Date of Foundation	2004
(6) Capital	\$16B in assets as of Dec. 31, 2013

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