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Strong Market Interest in St Helena's Rifle Range Solar Farm Expansion

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is pleased to announce a positive response to the Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the Renewable Energy Phase 1- Rifle Range Solar Farm Extension Project, which closed on 23 October 2026.

The level of interest received from experienced renewable energy and infrastructure organisations is an encouraging milestone for both the project and St Helena's ongoing transition towards a more sustainable energy future.

The proposed extension of the Rifle Range Solar Farm forms part of Connect's commitment to increasing the island's renewable energy generation, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and enhancing long-term energy security for the community.

Speaking on the response to the EOI, Connect's Interim Chief Executive Officer, Phanual Shangwa, said:

> "We are very encouraged by the level of interest shown in this important project. The response reflects the opportunities for renewable energy development on St Helena and is a positive step towards achieving our long-term energy goals.
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> "Expanding renewable energy generation is important for the island's future. It will help reduce our reliance on imported fossil fuels, strengthen energy security and support a cleaner, more sustainable energy supply for Saint Helena.
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> "We thank all organisations that expressed an interest and look forward to progressing to the next stage of the procurement process." – Phanual

What happens next?

Connect will now undertake a detailed evaluation of all submissions received in line with its procurement procedures and project requirements. Organisations that successfully meet the assessment criteria may be invited to participate in the next stage of the procurement process.

While several stages remain before the project can be delivered, the strong response to the EOI provides confidence that there is significant interest and capability within the market to support the development of this important renewable energy project.

Connect remains committed to keeping the public informed and will share further updates as the project progresses.

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