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Solar project tenders shortlisted

RENEWABLE ENERGY Kidston

TWO companies have been shortlisted to progress to the next stage of the design, procurement and construction contract negotiations for the Kidston Solar Project in far north Queensland.

Project proponent Genex Power Limited today announced that two companies – both highly reputable contracting companies with significant solar PV experience in Australia and globally – were selected out of seven proposals received.

A feasibility study for the first 50 megawatts of the 150 megawatt project is expected to be completed mid-year.

“This milestone is another step for Genex in the development of the Kidston site

as an important energy hub for the state of Queensland,” Genex managing director Michael Addison said.

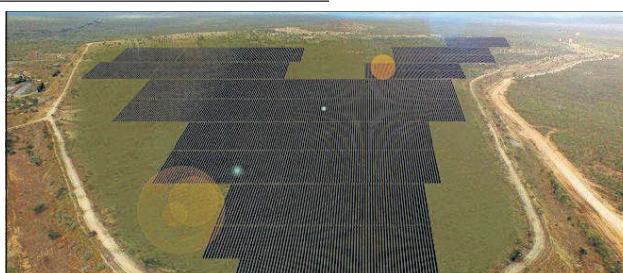
“The capital costs for the first 50 megawatts are in line with expectations and confirm the potential for attractive project returns.”

A pumped storage project remains Genex’s main focus for the site, a former gold mine, 270km north-west of Townsville, however, once the council-approved solar project is completed it will be the largest solar farm in Australia and will deliver fuel efficient, clean energy.

The project is in one of the highest solar radiation resources in the country.

Construction is expected to start next year.

– LEA COGLAN



SOLAR HUB: An artist's impression of the Kidston Solar Project at a former gold mine near Georgetown.