

Genex picks EPC contractor for 50-MW Aussie solar project

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June 22 (SeeNews) - Australian firm Genex Power Ltd (ASX:GNX) said today it has hired UGL Ltd to build and operate the 50-MW first phase of the 150-MW Kidston solar project in North Queensland.

Genex added it remains on track to achieve financial close and begin construction of the solar park in the final quarter of the year. It is targeting first cash flow within 12 months of construction commencing.

UGL will serve as preferred contractor for the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) and operation and maintenance (O&M) of the plant. It competed with six other firms for the works. The company recently commissioned the 4-MW Darwin International Airport solar farm and is currently building a 15-MW solar fixed park and a 2.3-MW solar tracking plant near Canberra. It is also working on the Coober Pedy hybrid project.

The 150-MW solar plant Genex develops is part of a larger project at a disused mine site that also includes a huge pumped-storage hydropower facility.