



## **Azure Power commissions largest Solar Power Plant (100MW) under India's National Solar Mission**

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- *The largest "Make in India" Solar Power Plant in India*
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**New Delhi, May 14, 2015:** Azure Power, pioneering independent power producer in the Indian solar power sector, today commissioned the largest (100 MW) solar plant under India's National Solar Mission (NSM) policy in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Azure Power had won this project under the NSM Phase-2 Batch I to supply power to Solar Energy Corporation of India, for 25 years.

With the commissioning of this project, Azure Power is now the single largest owner and operator of projects under the NSM with a cumulative operational capacity of 142MWs under this policy. The Government of India announced the NSM in 2010 and have allocated projects totaling 1250MW over three tranches of 150MW, 350MW and 750MWs since. Azure Power has successfully won in all the three tranches, where 5MW, 35MW and the maximum permissible capacity of 100MW has been won and commissioned respectively under each of the three tranches. With the completion of these projects Azure Power also becomes the largest investor of solar power in the state of Rajasthan; the most any company has invested in a single state in solar power generation.

In a continued demonstration of its strong engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) track record, the company commissioned the plant in less than 8 months.

**Mr. Tarun Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** said, "The success of the National Solar Mission largely depends on developers like Azure Power. I congratulate Azure Power on the commissioning of the 100MW solar power plant at Jodhpur."

The 100MW solar plant is also a significant milestone for the "Make in India" solar power initiative of the company. Technology and equipment for 60MWs has been completely made in India. This is the first of its kind large capacity solar power project executed exclusively with Indian technology and manufacturing. **Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Inderpreet Wadhwa, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Azure Power** said, "With the commissioning of this 100 MW plant we have once again demonstrated our strong project development, engineering and execution capabilities. This is the largest capacity project under the NSM II and we are proud to have successfully brought down the cost of power by almost 70% under the NSM from INR 17.91 in 2009 to INR 5.45 /KWhr with this project, inclusive of Viability Gap Funding."

We are also delighted to make this contribution towards realization of our Honorable Prime Minister's commitment towards clean and green energy and the application of the "Make in India", for solar power generation.

Our sincere gratitude to the Union Minister of Energy, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Solar Energy Corporation of India, Chief Minister and the State of Rajasthan, for all the cooperation and support extended. This plant is a great example of India's growing prowess in the solar arena." he added

### **About Azure Power**

Azure Power is a leader in the Indian Solar Industry. Azure Power developed India's first utility scale solar project in 2009 and has been at the forefront of developments in the sector as a developer, constructor and operator of utility scale, micro-grid and rooftop solar projects since its inception in 2007. With its in-house engineering, procurement and construction expertise and advanced in-house operations and maintenance capability, Azure Power manages the entire development and operation process, providing low-cost solar power solutions to customers throughout India. For more information about Azure Power, please visit [www.azurepower.com](http://www.azurepower.com).

