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Aurex Constructors surpasses 1,100MW renewable energy installation milestone in just 11 years with completion of Kenhardt photovoltaic project

Kenhardt, South Africa, November 2023 – Aurex Constructors, a leading player in the energy sector, celebrates completion of the Kenhardt solar photovoltaic (PV) project in Kenhardt in the Northern Cape, showcasing their commitment to delivering top-tier services and nurturing robust partnerships with their valued customers.

Aurex played a pivotal role in the construction of the 540MW Kenhardt solar PV project in less than a year while accomplishing an outstanding milestone of achieving more than 1 million man-hours without a lost time injury. This is an undertaking that not only adds a substantial capacity to South Africa's energy grid but also represents a decade of expert utility-scale installations by Aurex in the country.

Their comprehensive scope of work included meticulous procurement, excavation of 350 kilometres of cable trenches, installation of 2,200 inverters and 72 medium voltage transformers, cable termination, fibre optic network installation, and integration of a Battery Energy Storage System. Cold and hot commissioning ensured seamless operation, resulting in a successful project.

The project team, comprised of more than a thousand individuals, brought together a diverse workforce, mostly from the local community. Aurex takes pride in their pioneering efforts to promote gender diversity within the industry. Notably, a 30% female workforce made a substantial and invaluable contribution to the project's remarkable success.

CEO of Aurex, Stuart Kent, says "This milestone stands as a testament to Aurex Constructors' unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and a brighter, more sustainable energy future for South Africa. With this project, our installation track record now exceeds 1,100MW since we began executing renewable energy projects in November 2012, underscoring our dedication and expertise in the renewable energy landscape."

The Kenhardt region benefits from new job opportunities, increased economic growth, improved infrastructure and services, and potential community investments.

Stuart went on to say, "As we mark the successful completion of the Kenhardt solar PV project, we look forward to continuing our journey with the shared goal of powering communities with clean and sustainable energy."

About Aurex Constructors

Aurex Constructors is a leading player in South Africa's Construction, Turnaround and Maintenance industry with more than 40 years' experience serving blue-chip customers in the oil & gas, mining & metallurgy, infrastructure, petrochemical, conventional power, and renewable power sectors. The company offers a comprehensive range of services, including civils, structural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, piping, platework (SMEIPP), fabrication and management services, catering to projects of any scale and complexity.

As a 100% locally owned and managed company with 51% black ownership, Aurex takes pride in its highly skilled workforce, which has a proven track record of delivering innovative and customised project management solutions tailored to the specific requirements of customers. More information is provided on the website at www.aurex.com. We champion excellence.

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