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First Solar to supply panels to first Australian power plant

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[First Solar Inc.](#) has found a new market for its solar panels as it will provide 150,000 of them to the first photovoltaic power plant to be built in Australia.

The 10-megawatt project, to be built in Geraldton, Australia, will be 10 times larger than any current PV project in that country. Tempe-based First Solar (Nasdaq: FSLR) provides thin-film solar panels for various utility operations in the U.S. and Europe.

"This announcement demonstrates the significant potential for renewable energy generation — especially utility-scale solar in Western Australia and throughout Australia," said **Jim Brown**, the incoming president of First Solar's utility division. "We're pleased to bring our expertise in advanced PV technology and utility-scale solar deployment to Verve Energy and GE Energy Financial Services to deliver this groundbreaking project."

The system is being built in partnership with Verve Energy, the Western Australia state-owned power utility, and GE Financial services. Each will own 50 percent of the project.

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