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Saint-Gobain India and Cleantech Solar join hands to commission 18.7 MW solar PV system in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, Aug 17, 2022 – Saint-Gobain India and Cleantech Solar, have partnered to commission an 18.7 MW solar PV system at Cleantech’s solar park in Tamil Nadu. Supporting Saint-Gobain Group’s commitment to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, this solar PV system is expected to generate approximately 28 MU/annum of clean energy during the lifetime of the project, avoiding over 20 kilotons per year of CO2 emissions.

The company will procure power on a captive open access basis to power its manufacturing facilities in Sriperumbudur and Perundurai. Procuring power from the solar PV project will contribute to Saint-Gobain Group’s goal of limiting its environmental impact, countering climate change, preserving natural resources, and reducing waste and atmospheric emissions.

Venkat Subramanian, Managing Director, Gyproc business stated, “This is step in line with our purpose of making the world a better home. Saint-Gobain businesses across India have focused emphasis on sustainable growth and are aligned with the sustainable energy goals of India. With like-minded partners like Cleantech Solar, we are embarking on an era of clean energy transmission, a world that all of us can be proud of and for future generations to enjoy.”

A.R. Unnikrishnan, Managing Director, Glass business stated, “We are delighted to partner with Cleantech Solar and strongly believe that going forward, renewable energy is going to have a big role in how businesses conduct themselves. Our joining hands with Cleantech is taking place at the right time when there is an increasing global need to move away from fossil fuel sources of energy. Aimed at fulfilling the ambitious target of 100% Green Power by 2027-28, the agreement with Cleantech Solar is also another step in our continued efforts to add more green capacity through collaboration with green power generators and to meet our sustainability targets.”

Aligning with India’s goals for a Sustainable Economy, Saint-Gobain India has focused its expansion and development goals in line with sustainable and renewable energy targets. Through various initiatives like shifting of high carbon fossil fuels to natural gas, migration of solid fuels to biomass, waste heat recovery & reuse and circularity actions, the Group in India has attained its mid-term goals set for 2025 much ahead of time. By the end of 2022, the solar power will replace close to 68 MIL units of electricity required. By 2025, Saint-Gobain India will have 65% of its electricity consumption coming from renewables. Rainwater harvesting, development of urban forest and bio-diversity actions continue to remain key focus areas under climate actions.



ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN

Worldwide leader in light and sustainable construction, Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures, and distributes materials and services for the construction and industrial markets. Its integrated solutions for the renovation of public and private buildings, light construction, and the decarbonization of construction and industry are developed through a continuous innovation process and provide sustainability and performance. The Group's commitment is guided by its purpose, "MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME".

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167,000 employees, located in 76 countries

Committed to achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050