

Press Release

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BELECTRIC opens new PV plant in the Israeli desert ahead of schedule

- 30MW PV plant is part of the large scale Ashalim solar project which combines solar thermal and photovoltaic energy

Kolitzheim (Germany), Beer Sheva (Israel) – Last week the Ashalim PV plant located in the Israeli Negev Desert was officially inaugurated. BELECTRIC has built this PV plant with 30MW installed capacity as EPC (Engineering-Procurement-Construction) provider on behalf of EDF EN Israel Ltd. and the Israeli renewable energy project developer Clal Sun Ltd. The PV plant was connected to the grid in December 2017 ahead of schedule.

“Israel is one of our key markets”, explains Ingo Alphéus, CEO of BELECTRIC Solar & Battery GmbH. “We were delighted to have been selected as EPC partner for this important project.”

The new PV plant is part of a utility-scale solar project combining solar thermal and photovoltaic energy. Upon full completion, the renewable power station will be providing 250 Megawatt of electricity – around two percent of Israel’s consumption.

“We are proud to contribute to the large scale solar project Ashalim. It marks an important step to provide clean and grid-friendly electricity to Israel and help the country to reach their ambitious renewables energy targets”, adds Guy Shahar, Managing Director of BELECTRIC Israel Ltd.

Since 2013 BELECTRIC has realised 17 solar projects in Israel with a total capacity of around 200MW. This year BELECTRIC is building a PV plant with a capacity of 120MW near the Kibbutz of Zeélim in corporation with Solel Boneh. Commissioning of this plant is anticipated in 2019. This further strengthens the position of BELECTRIC Israel Ltd. as one of the leading PV EPC and O&M contractors for large ground mounted projects in the Israeli solar market.

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Caption: Ayalon Vaniche, CEO of EDF EN Israel Ltd. and Ingo Alphéus, CEO of BELECTRIC Solar & Battery GmbH at the official inauguration event.
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Caption: Ashalim solar power plant is located in the Israeli Negev Desert.
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About BELECTRIC: BELECTRIC Solar & Battery GmbH is one of the most successful enterprises in the development and construction of utility scale solar power plants and energy storage systems. The company was established in 2001 and has been expanded to an international group with activities on all continents since then. BELECTRIC has constructed 300 solar PV power plants with over 1.6GWp PV capacity. In addition, the company realized battery energy storage systems and hybrid power solutions, which combines different technologies to autarkic systems. As one of the largest O&M providers globally, BELECTRIC's full-integrated services provide continuous operation. State-of-the-art solar power plant technology and energy storage technology support the grid infrastructure and contribute to cost reductions in the energy sector. With numerous patents and innovations, BELECTRIC has proven its technological leadership in the industry.