

## Press release

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## **BELECTRIC** repowers large-scale project in Israel

- BELECTRIC signs contract for Israel's largest repowering project
- Retrofit works to increase project capacity from 55 MWp to 88 MWp
- Halutziot solar farm to become one of Israel's first hybrid projects combining PV and storage

Kolitzheim (Germany) / Be'er Sheva (Israel) – BELECTRIC is repowering the Halutziot solar farm for its customer Enlight in Israel. By replacing parts of the existing technology, the solar energy specialist increases the project's capacity from 55 Megawatts Peak (MWp) to 88 Megawatts Peak, which makes Halutziot Israel's largest repowering project.

Halutziot solar farm is situated in the Negev desert in Israel and was originally commissioned in 2015. At the time of commissioning, it became Israel's largest PV plant. BELECTRIC will now replace 180,000 existing modules with 161,000 new high capacity modules. The retrofit works also include replacing the inverters and transformers on site. In addition, an energy storage system will be installed. This makes Halutziot one of Israel's first hybrid projects combining solar energy and battery storage. It is also the first time that BELECTRIC has signed an EPC contract with Enlight, an Israel-based investment company and important player in the Israeli and global PV market.

Yaron Lado, Business Development Manager at BELECTRIC Israel, comments: "We thank Enlight for choosing us to lead this project, including the repowering works, main equipment upgrade and storage system integration all while assuring minimum downtime for the project, connected to the high voltage grid. We are thankful for this vote of confidence, and are looking forward to expanding our collaboration in future projects."

Replacement works have started, and the construction works are expected to be finished by the second quarter of 2023. BELECTRIC will also take on operation and maintenance (O&M) services for the repowered project.

"After the successful completion of the 60 MWp retrofit works performed by BELECTRIC for EDF in 2020 and 2021, I am very glad this experience brought us the opportunity to participate in this exciting project. I am confident it will bring further opportunities for cooperation with our new customer Enlight", adds Anna Velikansky, Managing Director of BELECTRIC Israel Ltd..

BELECTRIC is one of Europe's leading EPC service providers in the development, construction and operation of solar power plants. The solar energy specialist looks back on more than 20 years of experience in power plant construction and has built over 4 gigawatts of capacity worldwide. BELECTRIC is a member of Elevion Group. Elevion Group BV is one of Europe's leading energy service providers in the field of modern energy solutions that focus on sustainability and climate neutrality. Elevion Group belongs among Germany's market leaders in this segment. The group currently is comprised of approximately 60 consolidated companies and employs more than 4,700 people in twelve countries – in addition to Germany, these include the Netherlands, Austria, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and China.

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## Caption:

BELECTRIC is performing retrofit works on the "Halutziot" solar farm in Israel, increasing its capacity from 55 MWp to 88 MWp.

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