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# INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN AZERBAIJAN

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## **100MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT**

project owner: Nobel Oil LTD

## **PROJECT DEFINITION**

Nobel Energy plans to construct a solar power plant to produce renewable energy in Samukh region, Azerbaijan. Average annual production of renewable solar energy will be 175 GWh/year.

After constructing 100MW Solar Power Plant in Samukh, Nobel Energy plans:

To deliver **90%** of produced energy to the dedicated customer within NEQSOL holding by signing bilateral agreement with the predetermined commercial entity



#### Project owner: Nobel Oil LTD

Nobel Oil LTD or Nobel Energy is a company operating in Azerbaijan, since 2005 in oil and gas service sector.

Nobel Energy is a provider of integrated services to the oil and gas industry in the Caspian region. Nobel Energy was originally established in 2005, later its corporate structure was re-organized to replace the Azerbaijan-based business under a parent company (Nobel Energy Services (UK) Limited) with its headquarters in London.

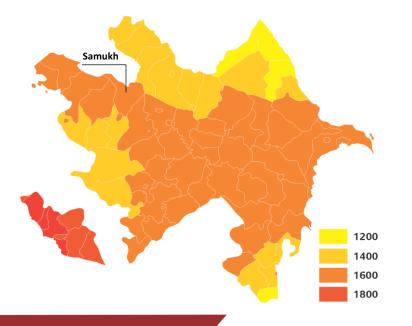
Along with strong local presence, Nobel Energy has a strong management team dedicated to the project. The project covers demand for caustic soda (50%) in Azerbaijan, which increased to 20.3 thsd tons in 2021.

#### LOCATION

#### **SAMUKH REGION**

The area where the PV plant is to be built consists of 1 available land, with a total surface area of 100.2 ha.

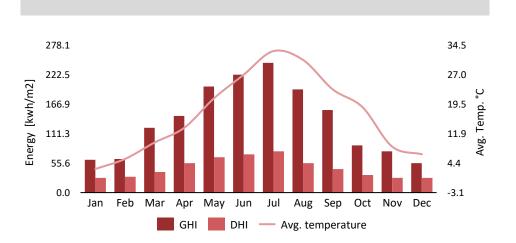
A preliminary terrain topography analysis was performed to study the suitability of the terrain for the construction of a photovoltaic plant. The North-South and East-West slopes were calculated.



#### SOLAR ENERGY IN AZERBAIJAN

- Azerbaijan has committed to reducing its GHG emissions by 35% by 2030, measured from the 1990 base year set in its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.
- Technical potential of energy in Azerbaijan is at the level of 23 GW
- As of 2022, already 700 MW solar and wind power projects are under development by UAE, Saudi Arabia and UK investors.

MONTHLY SOLAR RESOURCE CHART



## EQUIPMENT

#### INFORMATION ON SELECTED EQUIPMENT

The main equipment used to convert the solar energy will be:

- Photovoltaic modules, which convert the solar radiation into direct current.
- The single-axis tracker, which supports and orients the PV modules to minimize the angle of incidence between the incoming sun rays and the PV modules surface during the day.
- String inverters, which convert DC from solar field to AC.
- Power Transformers, which raise the voltage level from low to medium.
- Power Stations, which hold the necessary equipment to convert the DC power to AC

The selected photovoltaic module is the LR5-72HIBD-550M Bifacial model, manufactured by LONGi. It has a peak power of 550.0 W, and the technology of the cells is Si-mono. The module has a bifaciality factor of 65.00 %.

#### TECHNICAL INDICATORS

#### Samukh New Land Project

MAIN CHARACTERISTICS	
Rated power (AC)	82 Mwac
Peak power (DC)	100 Mwdc
Ratio DC/AC	1.22
CIVIL CHARACTERISTICS	
Suitable plot area	100.2 ha
Ground coverage ratio (GCR)	36.00 %
Structure type	One-axis tracker
Pitch distance	12.66
ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
PV Modules (550.0 Wp)	181818
Power station (up to 5000.0 kW)	17
Number of inverters (up to 250.0 kVA)	328

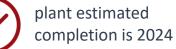
## **INVESTMENT SUMMARY**

### TECHNICAL INDICATORS

CURRENT STATUS



feasibility study available



location determined



fully priced tenders for E&P available

Investment	59,000,000 USD
Financing	70/30 debt-to-equity ratio
Equity IRR	~13%
Payback period	10 years (including construction)
NPV	positive
Permanent employment	Up to 50 people

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