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# Media Release

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## PRIME MINISTER OPENS INFIGEN ENERGY WIND FARM IN NSW

Australia's Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, has today officially opened Infigen's latest operating wind farm.

Infigen Energy, Australia's leading specialist renewable energy business, recently completed construction of Capital Wind Farm at Bungendore in New South Wales. It is the largest renewable electricity generator commissioned in New South Wales since the Snowy Hydro Scheme. The Capital Wind Farm is almost five times the size of any other comparable wind farm in New South Wales.

The Managing Director of Infigen Energy, Miles George, said "The commissioning of the Capital wind farm is a major milestone for the company and for Australia's renewable energy industry."

"The Capital wind farm is the first large scale wind farm in NSW and is capable of supplying enough electricity to power around 60,000 homes. The wind farm was completed on time and on budget, and this augurs well for a number of others we plan to build over the next few years as Australia's electricity generation industry turns to renewable energy," he said.

"Our leading position in the Australian wind energy industry coupled with a large scale diversified pipeline of quality development opportunities, and proven operating and development teams, positions Infigen to benefit from the expected sustained growth in demand for renewable energy in Australia," Mr George added.

"Renewable energy provides a substantial contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and its deployment in electricity generation is essential to fulfilling the Australian Government's commitment to reduce our emissions. Wind energy accounts for over a third of all new electricity generation capacity being built in Europe each year and reached over 40% of all new generation installed in the US in 2008. In Australia we are moving in the same direction with the key driver here being the expanded Renewable Energy Target legislation, recently passed by the Federal Parliament," he said.

At the peak of construction activity, the Capital Wind farm provided direct employment opportunities for over 120 people on the site, with up to 10 people directly employed for ongoing operation and maintenance. The Capital wind farm is also employing Australia's first wind farm apprentices. From a pool of 700 applicants, 10 apprentices were selected, and they have been involved in the turbine installation. Turbine manufacturer Suzlon and RMIT worked together to train Australia's first electrical apprentices with a particular focus on wind farms.

The Capital wind farm consists of 67 Suzlon S88 2.1MW machines with a total installed capacity of 141MW and will play a crucial role in helping Sydney Water to secure the water supply for Sydney. Sydney Water's decision to use 100% renewable energy means that the desalination plant's power needs will be fully offset, when it starts supplying water this summer, contributing to Sydney Water's broader commitment to be fully carbon neutral by 2020.

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**About Infigen Energy:**

Infigen Energy is Australia's leading specialist renewable energy business which owns and operates wind farms in Australia, the United States, Germany and France. Infigen listed on the Australian Securities Exchange on 28 October 2005 and has a market capitalisation of approximately A\$1.2 billion.

Infigen's business comprises interests in 41 wind farms that have a total installed capacity of approximately 2,246MW and are diversified by wind resource, currency, equipment supplier, off-take arrangements and regulatory regime.

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