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PHILIPPINES RURAL POWER PROJECT

Investment Opportunities in the Philippines Rural Power Project

The Department of Energy (DOE) has received financing from Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the World Bank, towards the cost of the Rural Power Project (RPP). The RPP promotes the use of renewable energy technologies, particularly solar PV systems, on commercial basis in partnership with private companies (solar PV systems suppliers) and microfinance credit providers.

The RPP Project Management Office (PMO) set-up within the DOE is encouraging the entry of local and foreign investors, particularly those in the Renewable Energy (RE) business to consider the market potential and opportunities in the Philippines, particularly in respect of solar PV. The Philippines market for solar home systems (SHS) is estimated to be 3 to 4 million households. The government's initiative to provide 100% village electrification by year 2009 is also opening up the potential for public facility installations in some 1500 villages throughout the nation.

The RPP has introduced various initiatives particularly the Sustainable Solar Market Package (SSMP) approach for rural electrification through solar PV. This approach recognizes that the scale of solar business operation must be sufficiently large to overcome the transaction costs of doing business in remote areas and to create a commercially viable business. SSMP provides for an opportunity for foreign and local PV companies to partner with each other in fulfilling the requirements of SSMP. A brief description of the SSMP2 project is available at the RPP website (www.rpp.com.ph).

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