

MRP in 225MW Ghana wind deal



MRP has already helped deliver Jeffreys Bay in South Africa

Jeffreys Bay Wind Farm

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Developer Mainstream Renewable Power (MRP) is buying a 225MW wind project in Ghana, and expects to be generating from the plant by early 2016.

Dublin-based MRP has agreed to acquire the AyitepaWind project from its original developer NEK Umwelttechnik of Switzerland.

The \$525m plant – located 40km from Accra on Ghana’s east coast – will be the African nation’s first utility-scale wind farm, and is expected to account for about 10% of its total power capacity.

MRP and NEK Umwelttechnik will develop the project jointly until financial close, expected next year. The Irish group will then manage construction and run AyitepaWind.

All major permits are in place for the wind farm and grid and power offtake agreements are being finalised, said a statement from [MRP](#).

The Ghana government said it would give the project “full support” and hopes to see more wind farms in the country. It has introduced a feed-in tariff and “has more than two years of bankable wind energy data along the south eastern corridor of the country where wind energy prospects are very encouraging”, said Ghana’s director of renewable energy, Wisdom Ahiataku-Togobo.

MRP already has a strong footprint in Africa, where it has been involved in major wind and solar projects – most notably the 138MW Jeffreys Bay wind farm in South Africa.

CEO Eddie O’Connor said: “This wind farm is the ideal solution for Ghana because the country needs large quantities of electricity and it needs it fast.

“The AyitepaWind Farm is well advanced and can be generating electricity in less than 18 months from now. No other generation technology can match that in terms of speed of delivery.”

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