

## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

Clean Max Pluto Solar Power LLP (“company”) a part of Clean Max group, proposes setting up of a 10.2 MW solar Power project within Solar Park with necessary support infrastructure facility being developed by CMES Jupiter, by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Clean Max Group is a credible renewable energy developer, having implemented more than 500 MW of ground mounted and rooftop solar and wind power projects till date. Project proposes to sell power to an industrial offtaker exclusive of environmental attributes, and company intends to seek loan from Tata Cleantech Capital Limited (TCCL) to develop 6.8MW AC/10.2MW DC of the total 14MW AC/21 MW DC power project in first phase which is in turn part of 70 MW Solar power project in the area.

Power will be generated from the project by setting up Solar Power of 10.2MW DC capacity on private agricultural land parcels of ~27 acres procured in Huchavanahalli and Taitoni villages in Jagalur taluka of Davangere district in Karnataka. This power will be evacuated by setting up ~6 km long 33 kV transmission line to Pooling sub-station (PSS) of 220/33 kV capacity being set up on 10 acre private agricultural land at Mudlamachikere village. Power from this PSS will be fed to the existing 400/220 kV Grid Sub-Station (GSS) at Hiremallanahole village, by laying 350 m. long 220 kV EHV power line. A storage yard will also be setup on private agricultural land of ~1.5 acre storage for Solar in Taitoni village. The company has finalized and procured locations for Solar, PSS, Storage Yard, access pathway routes to the Solar project location, and route of 33 kV and 220 kV transmission lines from Solar plant to PSS, and PSS to GSS respectively.

Besides land, developing this project would require other resources like water, construction/earth material for development of Solar Module Mounting Structure (MMS) foundation and access roads.. Since, project area is already a water scarce area, the project will avoid sourcing water from the project villages, and water will be sourced through tankers from nearby area to avoid any community conflict due to usage of limited natural resources (water) available in the area. PWD road/village road will be used to access the project site. However, existing WBM road will be used as access to project site, without changing its land use permanently.

Project has received Government Order from the State Government of Karnataka to develop this project under group captive scheme, approval from Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) for evacuation of power from this project to Grid sub station, and No Objection Certification (NOC) from Gram panchayats of Huchavanahalli and Taitoni have been obtained. Project will further seek approval from CEIG for electrical safety, and land use change approval from State Government of Karnataka.

Development of this Solar power project would involve various activities, including civil construction (site levelling, MMS foundation, access road development), transportation of heavy equipment/machineries and raw material, construction of MMS & pooling substation and laying of transmission line to facilitate power evacuation. Construction phase lasting over around 3-4 months will engage 125-175 people during the peak construction period including at least 100 local people for skilled and unskilled manpower requirement and potentially result in:

- Long term change in land use on land parcels (~27 acre) used for Solar array layout, pooling sub-station
- Restriction of plantation and construction of tall structures on right of way along 15m. wide transmission line
- Temporary change in Air Quality and water availability in project area due to dust emission from vehicular movement and construction activities
- Safety risk to workers especially related to work at height, mechanical hazard and electrical hazard
- Safety risk to community due to transportation of heavy machineries/equipment, Solar structures, modules and other materials.
- Conflict with community due to sharing of community access roads, inappropriate interaction/behavior of labor or workforce with local population/villagers

Operational phase (expected to be around 25 years) of this project is expected to engage up to 10 persons and may potentially result in:

- Safety risk to workforce during maintenance activities at project site
- Mortality of birds due to collision and electrocution with Transmission line

Specific mitigation measures have been identified through an ESIA (Environmental & Social Impact Assessment) study, stakeholder consultations, and will be implemented as part of the project. Key mitigation measures are given below:

- Water sprinkling at project site to suppress dust
- Implement safety plans and practices to control safety risks and behavioral training
- Directions to workforce to avoid community conflict
- Install spike guards on transmission line poles to avoid bird perching and electrocution of birds

The company has consulted with various stakeholders during January 2020 with land owners, land aggregator, Revenue Department, Karnataka Ground Water Authority, Gram Panchayat and Forest Department. These stakeholder consultations reveal that:

- Local villagers are aware about the projects, and there are renewable power projects already operating within 10-12 km from project site
- Villagers and land providers have a positive perception about the renewable energy project, as it will support the local economy and employment in the area.
- Project area is a water scarce area and primarily dependent on rains for cultivation. With limited irrigation water supply, local villagers are not solely dependent on agriculture but have other means of income such as shops, labour and jobs in nearby city and towns, and land in the area is primarily used for cultivating groundnuts, grams, pulses and cotton.
- Procuring of land for the project neither resulted in any physical displacement nor resulting any local villagers becoming landless
- Mutually agreed sale price more than 3 times higher than the government registered rate, and up to 2.5 times higher than the open market private rate for this Solar power project. Landowners are satisfied with the compensation value and intend to use it for various purposes including

buying other land parcels in same area, repay existing loans, marriage of children and to open shops in the area.

The company under its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) has donated sanitizers and masks to District Officer (Davangere district) during the Covid-19 pandemic. Besides, the company also plan to adopt ground water recharging initiatives in the project area.

To resolve any conflicts and grievances of community, officers have been appointed by the company. These officers can be contacted by the local villagers. Contact details are being shared in this document. In case of any unresolved or unaddressed conflicts, officers of TCCL (providing loan to the company) can also be contacted. Contact details are as below:

**Details of grievances officers of Cleanmax and Tata Cleantech Capital:**

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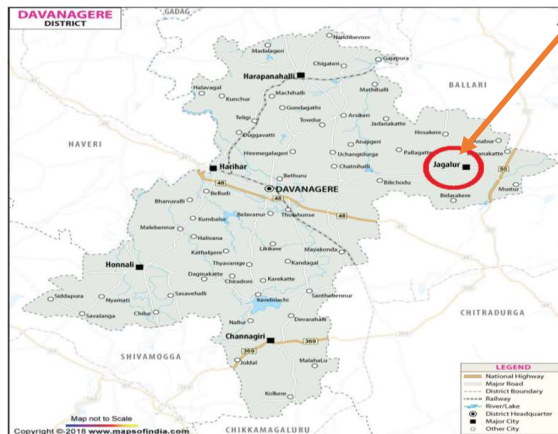
Name: Mangesh Dakhore

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**If any stakeholder believe that their concerns have not been adequately addressed by TCCL, or the management of AIIB ([information@aiib.org](mailto:information@aiib.org)), they may request a review by the AIIB's Project Affected Peoples Mechanism (PPM) at [Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism - Operational Policies & Directives - AIIB](#).**

# Project Location in Karnataka



# Solar Power Plant – Array Layout



## Solar Power Plant - Schematic Diagram

