

# SAPPHIRE WIND POWER COMPANY LIMITED

49.5MW WIND POWER PROJECT JHIMPIR, SINDH

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# Joint Venture with Sapphire Group in the Renewable Energy Space

- Infrastructure Investment core area for BAFL's Merchant Bank
- Entered into a Joint with Sapphire Group to invest in Renewable Energy - through Sapphire Wind Power Company
- Strategic partnership to create leading renewables company across segments, including wind and solar
- First project: development of a 50MW Wind Power Plant in Jhimpir, Sindh
- Actively considering further investments opportunities through:
  - Future capacity expansion
  - New development opportunities

#### **Sapphire Group**

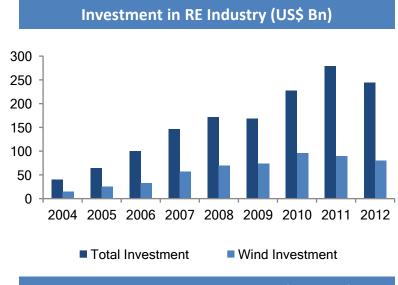
- Leading business group across a range of sectors textiles, energy and agro
- Exporter to 35 countries globally
- Sapphire Group highlights:
  - ✓ annual turnover of over US \$850 million
  - ✓ asset base of over US \$750 million, and
  - √ headcount of over 13,000 employees
- Actively involved in community welfare programs

#### **Bank Alfalah Limited**

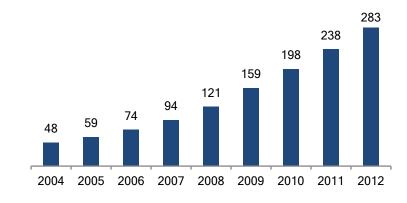
- Majority owned by Abu Dhabi Group
- Group has investments across the economy including in Financial Services, Telecoms, and Real Estate
- Sixth largest bank in the country in terms of total assets with a network of over 500 branches including
  - √ 110 Islamic branches
- ✓ 8 overseas branches in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Bahrain
- ✓ Total assets of over Rs. 500 Billion

# **Investment Thesis - Renewable Energy**

- Predictable cashflows and long life asset
- Asset profile
  - Devaluation / inflation indexed returns
  - No working capital 'free' natural resource (wind)
  - Guaranteed offtake of production / capacity
  - Technology competitive position no long term exposure to commodity price inflation
- Growth prospects
  - Re-rating of asset
  - (Re)investment for growth
  - Capital structuring options
  - Operational performance optimization
- Stable regulatory environment
- ☐ Global trend favouring Renewable Energy
  - Favourable government policies: Green energy; Indigenous resource; no pressure on countries import bill
  - Technology advancements increasing commercial attractiveness







# **Key Project Quality Drivers**

#### **Wind Resource**

- Wind speed (m/s) reliable assessment at site over reasonably long horizon
- Wind quality turbulence / wake effect / seasonality

#### **Power Conversion**

- **Equipment quality** reliable and consistent performance in local environmental conditions
- Conversion efficiency equipment rate of converting wind to power
- Performance guarantees

#### **Power Off take**

- **Grid availability** able to evacuate power efficiently often from remote locations
- Long term tariff provide reasonable rate of return and indexing against macro variables (currency, interest rates etc.)

# Wind Projects – Key Risk Factors

#### **Macro Risk**

- Production not directly correlated to GDP
- But timely payment linked to govt. finances

#### **Technology Risk**

- Proven turbine technology in local / similar environment from dependable supplier
- Financially strong supplier long term warranties and performance guarantees

#### **Wind Risk**

- Reliable wind data key input to developing a power curve
- Wind speeds can be volatile over short periods but relatively predictable over longer horizons

#### **Construction Risk**

- Risk of delay and overruns
- Reliable and experienced EPC contractor with local market presence / commitment
- Well structured construction contracts fixed price, milestones, penalties, performance bonds

#### **Operations & maintenance**

- Reliable party for O&M with long term commitment and coverage
- Defined price contract over project life

#### Leverage

- Maintain sufficient flexibility in coverage ratios
- Assess conservative scenarios and seasonality

#### Regulatory

 History of stable, well-established and tested regulatory environment

# **SAPPHIRE WIND POWER PROJECT**

# **Project Overview**

## **Project Profile**

- **Project Capacity:** 50MW
- Equity Shareholding:
  - Sapphire Group: 70%
  - Bank AlFalah: 30%
- Project Mode: Build, Own & Operate Basis
- Power Purchaser: NTDC
- ☐ Concession Period: 20 Years
- **Est. Construction Period:** 15 months

### **Capital Structure and Tariff**

- □ Project Funding Plan
  - Senior Debt 75%

**OPIC US\$ Loan (100%)** 

Equity 25%

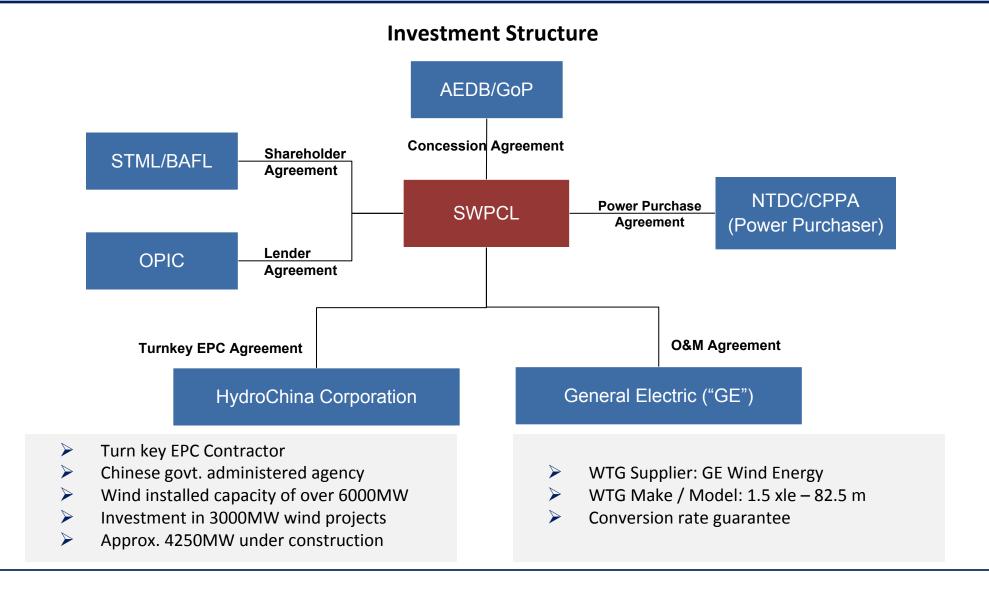
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### **Technical Studies and Tariff**

#### **Technical Studies**

- c. 4 years wind data from on-site mast
- Captured directly by technical consultant's (Sgurr Energy)
- Analyzed wind data and calculated energy yields
- Developed complete feasibility with Sgurr:
  - > site topography and turbine layout
  - energy yield predictions
  - soil geo-tech study
  - grid interconnection study
  - environment impact assessment, and transport study
- ☐ The Company was the first Pakistani wind project registered under the CDM regime

#### **Tariff**

- Levelized Upfront tariff for 20 year is USc 13.52/kWh
- Annual indexations applicable on:
  - Operations & Maintenance
    - US\$ / Pak Rupee Variation & US CPI
  - Insurance, Return on Equity
    - US\$ / Pak Rupee Variation
  - Loan Repayment
    - US\$ / Pak Rupee Variation
  - Interest charge on Loan
    - LIBOR Variation

## **Project Site**

#### Site Conditions

- Good soil conditions; no steep slopes; no flooding risk
- Existing road network from port to site
- Minimal environment impact as uninhabited, with limited flora / fauna
- Minimal wind obstruction due to flat land surface with minimum infrastructure development
- Unobstructed wind blows directly from Arabian Sea to the proposed wind farm locations

#### Geotechnical data

- Detailed geotechnical investigation undertaken
- Boreholes drilled at 33 locations, more investigations planned
- Results broadly consistent across site
- Gravity foundations assessed to be suitable





# **Project Highlights**

