















Location: Port Augusta, SA

Project Value:

Project Completion: Client Name: Catcon

Industry: Renewable Energy

Set to become Australia's largest solar farm, the Bungala So-lar Project is currently under construction East of Port Augusta, South Australia, and will contribute to the transformation of the former coal city into a major renewable energy hub.

Upon completion, the 220MW solar facility will effectively avoid the emission of over 520,000 tonnes of CO2 into the atmosphere per year, whilst generating the equivalent energy consumption needs of up to 82,000 households.

Cowell Electric have been engaged by primary Catcon to assist in the installation all HV cable, earth conductors and fi bre optic for the second stage of this facility.

On completion, this will link all of the AC/DC powerstations which

are located throughout the fi eld, to the main switchroom, which is located in the newly constructed 275kV Bungala Substation connecting the solar farm to the Electranet network.

The scope of works includes the installation of approximately 4.3km of 185mm2 33kV cable, which is used to link 12 banks of 3 AC/DC power stations in a daisy chain method, and approx. imately 12.1km of 300mm2 33kV cable which links each of these 12 banks back to the main 33kV switchroom.

Following the same daisy chain installation method, an 8 core fi -bre optic cable & 70mm2 earth wire is installed in the same 33kV cable trench. A fi nal 8 core fi bre optic cable runs from the main 33kV switchroom to each of the furthest power stations on each feeder, creating a ring fed fi bre network onsite.

Further to the cabling works, Cowell Electric completed all HV cable terminations in each of the power station switchboards, including inline joints required in the cable runs.

Installation method for the cable hauling was via capstan & ten-sion winches for the larger cables.

This project see's Cowell Electric build on their capabilities into the Solar Energy Sector.





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