

IFC, ADB, DEG invest \$275 mn in Fourth Partner Energy



**SAIF DHORAJIWALA & VIVEK SUBRAMANIAN
FOUNDERS, FOURTH PARTNER ENERGY**

C&I-focused renewable energy company Fourth Partner Energy Ltd (FPEL) has secured a funding of \$275 million from a consortium of World Bank's International Financial Corporation (IFC), Asian Development Bank and the German Investment Corporation, DEG. Out of the \$275 million, IFC is investing \$125 million, while ADB is infusing \$100 million and Germany's DEG is putting in \$50 million to complete this round of fundraising.

The company stated in a statement that the equity infusion will support FPEL's goals for business expansion and enable it to meet its 2026 goal of having a portfolio of 3.5 GW of renewable energy assets.

Announcing the fundraise, Fourth Partner Energy co-founder and executive director Vivek Subramanian said, "FPEL is now poised to transform the region's clean energy landscape and assist more businesses in reaching their RE100 goals in a just, equitable manner."

ADB's director general for private sector operations Suzanne Gaboury said ADB was investing \$70 million in FPEL through its ordinary capital resources (\$70 million) and the remaining \$30 million through its Leading Asia's Private infrastructure Fund 2 (LEAP 2).

In India and certain Southeast Asian countries where the company operates, this initiative will expedite the decarbonization of commercial and industrial enterprises with substantial energy requirements and facilitate their transition to renewable energy.



**SUZANNE GABOURY
ADB DIRECTOR GENERAL,
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Norfund Invests \$38 Million In Green Energy Firm Candi Solar

Solar and battery solution company Candi Solar has announced closing its Series C funding round of \$38 million led by the Norwegian government's investment fund Norfund, energy company Kyuden International, and existing impact investor STOA that focuses on infrastructure and energy sectors. Industry insiders have acknowledged Candi Solar, as the company was recently ranked in the top 5 rooftop solar developers in India. With projects like Airtel and Jindal Saw in India, Candi's extensive portfolio demonstrates its ability to meet the demands of major industry players and further solidifies its reputation for providing high-quality services and solutions.



Since its founding in 2018, Candi has assisted businesses in lowering energy expenses and enhancing their sustainability by providing solar and storage solutions. The business stated that it had 112 megawatts of contracted capacity overall. The company's ambitious growth goals will be fueled by the \$38 million equity capital investment, which will enable the financing of an additional 200 MW of business solar projects and support strategic hiring activities to maintain the company's rapid expansion.

Speaking on the funding round, Fabio Eucalipto, Co-founder and Director of Candi Solar said, "This recognition from our new investors, Norfund and Kyuden, alongside the unwavering support of our existing shareholder STOA, fuels our commitment to building an international enterprise with a robust path to profitability."

Marie-Laure Mazaud, CEO of STOA Infra & Energy, underscored the significance of their additional investment in Candi Solar, emphasizing, "This additional investment in Candi Solar reaffirms STOA's commitment to the distributed energy sector. Aligned with STOA's purpose, Candi's actions directly contribute to achieving sustainable development goals with a significant social and environmental impact."

"Through the partnership, we look forward to supporting innovative solutions that provide renewable energy services to underserved markets while keeping high standards of business integrity, ESG, and health & safety practices," said Bjørnar Baugerud, Head of the Climate Investment Fund in Norfund.

The investment highlights the environmental advantages of sustaining solar assets, which are expected to reduce annual CO₂-equivalent emissions by about 493,875 tons, making a substantial contribution to the worldwide fight to combat climate change.

AiIB and ADB Commit \$175.9 Million to ENGIE Solar Project in India



AMIT JAIN
CEO, ENGIE INDIA

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has committed up to approximately USD88 million to the ENGIE Solar Power Project, a pivotal initiative in India's renewable energy expansion. This investment is part of a larger co-financing effort with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to develop, construct, operate, and maintain a 400MW solar PV plant in Surendranagar, Gujarat.

The joint financing from AIIB and ADB amounts to about USD175.9 million, equivalent in the form of a project finance senior debt facility. As ENGIE moves forward with its strategic plan to invest EUR22–25 billion in low-carbon and renewable energy solutions between 2023 and 2025, this funding becomes essential.

“This project fully aligns with AIIB's Energy Sector Strategy and mission of Financing Infrastructure for Tomorrow. It will further strengthen the development of renewable energy infrastructure and reduce the carbon intensity of the energy supply in our Members.” said Rajat Misra, AIIB Acting Vice President for Investment Clients Region 1 and Financial Institutions and Funds, Global.



RAJAT MISRA
ACTING VICE PRESIDENT,
AIIB

Additionally, the project advances one of the top goals of the Indian government: the creation of renewable energy. By 2030, India wants to have installed 500GW of non-fossil fuel power capacity.

“In collaboration with ADB and AIIB, we're bringing a landmark 400MW solar project to Surendranagar, Gujarat, marking a significant stride in India's clean energy journey,” said ENGIE India CEO and Country Manager Amit Jain. “This venture not only aligns with our green power goals but also catalyzes local job creation, reinforcing our pledge to India's nonfossil fuel future, firming our commitment to India's energy transition.”

The AIIB's founding member, India, continues to be the bank's biggest borrower. With a total investment of \$10.45 billion, 48 projects in India have been approved by AIIB as of now. The continued cooperation between AIIB and India to advance the nation's renewable energy program is exemplified by this most recent endeavor.

World Bank backs India's green Hydrogen goals with \$ 1.5 Billion



AUGUSTE TANO KOUAMÉ
WORLD BANK COUNTRY DIRECTOR,
INDIA

The World Bank has approved a \$1.5-billion loan to help India accelerate its low-carbon energy development.

“The Second Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation – the second in a series of two operations similar in size – will support reforms to boost the production of green hydrogen and electrolyzers, critical technology needed for green hydrogen production,” the World Bank said in a statement.

In addition to accelerating the growth of climate financing, the additional investment will assist India in increasing the production and consumption of green hydrogen. As per the international funding organization, this will enhance the financing mobilization for investments with low carbon emissions.

It is anticipated that the operation's supported improvements will lead to the annual production of 1,500 MW of electrolyzers and at least 450,000 metric tons of green hydrogen starting in FY25–26.

It will play a major role in supporting the reduction of emissions by 50 million tonnes annually and increasing the capacity of renewable energy sources.

Additionally, the operation will assist with efforts to expand the country's carbon credit market.

The financing for the operation includes a \$1.46-billion loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and a \$31.5-million credit from the International Development Association (IDA).

Brookfield Announces \$200M Investment In Leap Green Energy



DEV ANAND VIJAYAN
FOUNDER & CEO, LEAP GREEN ENERGY

Canada-based Brookfield Asset Management has announced an equity investment in Leap Green Energy, a renewable energy company based in Tamil Nadu, India.

With an investment of more than \$200 million, Brookfield gains a majority controlling position in Leap Green. The agreement comprises the choice to provide an extra \$350 million to finance future expansion.

With an emphasis on Tamil Nadu's 20 GW market, Leap Green has secured funding to develop in India's C&I renewable energy sector, propelling growth in the quickly growing industry.

Leap Green and Brookfield collaborate to grow the renewable energy platform to over 3 GW in 4–5 years through investments made through the Brookfield Global Transition Fund I. Together with providing investors with strong profits, the alliance seeks to expedite the world's transition to a net-zero carbon economy.



NAWAL SAINI
MANAGING DIRECTOR
BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE POWER & TRANSITION

Nawal Saini, Managing Director, Head of Renewable Power & Transition, South Asia and the Middle East, Brookfield, said, "We are pleased to partner with Leap Green and look forward to supporting them in their growth ambitions. Our partnership provides an important opportunity to meet the demand in the C&I segment and deliver outcomes where decarbonization and value creation are in total alignment. We remain committed to helping corporates in reducing their carbon footprint and positively impacting the environment."

There are currently 775 MW of operational and under-construction wind and solar assets owned by Leap Green Energy. With teams dedicated to development, operations and maintenance, and customer support, it is expanding its services into Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and other Indian states at the moment.

ESG Reporting in India : Survey shows Improvements Needed

According to the study titled "**Investor Trust in Sustainability Data**" , Over 90 per cent of Indian institutional investors now regard sustainability information as crucial in their due diligence process, a recent study by **Deloitte** and **The Fletcher School** at Tufts University disclosed.

INCONSISTENCY

**Incomparability of ESG rating data-
73 %**

COST CONSTRAINTS

**Integrating ESG data into
investment decision models (71%)**

MEASUREMENT

**Lacking in corporate disclosures
(70%)**

LOW TRUST

Inhibits ESG Investment Strategies

ASSURANCE

Need assurance (audited) data

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SHEFALI GORADIA
CHAIRPERSON,
DELOITTE INDIA

RATINGS

Rely less on ratings than global investors

IMPROVE

Improved reporting standards to build investor confidence needed

ESG FOCUS

78% invest 30 % of funds in investees with measurable objectives

PRESSURE

From clients to focus on sustainability

SUSTAINABILITY

80 per cent of Indian investors have implemented sustainability policies.