## **Media Release**

# Moorabool Wind Farm Official Association Partner for the Ballan Autumn Festival Association 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Moorabool Wind Farm is proud to announce that it is the Official Association Partner for the Ballan Autumn Festival 2017. The Association has a strong history of supporting the community with over 40 years' experience in delivering quality events that add to the economic and commercial opportunities for the Moorabool Shire and surrounding areas.

"In developing Moorabool Wind Farm, we aim to contribute to the community through support and sponsorship of community events. Today we are very pleased to announce our contribution as the Official Association Partner of the 2017 Ballan Autumn Festival. In the next month, we plan to open the Moorabool Wind Farm Information Centre in Ballan where members of the community can come and find out more about the wind farm as construction of the project nears. Further, the launching of the Local Business Participation Program will be a key initiative to maximise opportunities for local suppliers to participate in the project." said John Titchen, Managing Director Goldwind Australia.

Goldwind Australia is now preparing the project for construction under an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract with Moorabool Wind Farm. Goldwind Australia plans to start on site during 2017, with the latest model of Goldwind's advanced technology wind turbines planned to be installed. Goldwind Australia's involvement in the project will continue after construction by operating and maintaining the wind farm.

The project received planning approval from the Victorian Planning Minister for up to 107 turbines in October 2010. The project is divided into the Northern Bungletap section of up 50 turbines and the Southern Ballark section of up to 57 turbines.

Further information can be found at www.mooraboolwindfarm.com.

#### **About Moorabool Wind Farm**

The Moorabool Wind Farm project is located approximately 4km south of Ballan and north of Mount Wallace, approximately 67km west of Melbourne. The project will extend over 14km north to south and is located west of the C141 (Geelong-Ballan Rd).

Development consent for the Moorabool Wind Farm was granted by the Victorian Minister for Planning and the Environment under Section 97F of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The project includes the construction and operation of up to 107 wind turbines, together with the control and maintenance buildings, associated civil works and electrical infrastructure required to connect in to the existing transmission network.

Moorabool Wind Farm plan is planned to be committed to construction in 2017 with the targeted date for construction completion in late 2018/early 2019. Once operational, the project will generate enough renewable energy to service 180,000 Victorian homes annually. <sup>1</sup>

### About Goldwind

Goldwind Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology, a leading vertically integrated global wind power company offering comprehensive wind power solutions. Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (stock code 002202) and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (stock code 2208). World-leading technology is the foundation for Goldwind's business along with high-quality manufacturing and excellent customer service. Bloomberg New Energy Finance ranked Goldwind as number one in the world for newly installed capacity in 2015. In 2016 Goldwind installed more 6.3 GW with accumulated installed capacity exceeding 38GW.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Moorabool Wind farm will produce approximately 900,000MWh. Average household consumption in Victoria is 4.9MWh. (Acil Allen Consulting, Electricity Bill Benchmarks for Residential Customers, Page 25, Fig 4, March 2015).