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RENOVA, Inc.

## **Announcement Concerning Financial Close for the Karumai Sonbou Solar Project in Iwate Prefecture**

**-- RENOVA's twelfth large-scale solar power plant in Japan --**

RENOVA, Inc. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Yosuke Kiminami, Founding CEO & Representative Director; hereinafter, "RENOVA") announced today that it reached the financial close for the Karumai Sonbou Solar Project (Karumai-machi, Kunohe-gun, Iwate; COD expected in October 2021; hereinafter "Karumai Sonbou") on March 30. RENOVA is jointly undertaking this project with Sky Solar Holdings Ltd. (Shanghai, China; Wu Hao, Chairman) and NEC Capital Solutions Limited (Minato-ku, Tokyo; Tomoo Imazeki, President).

Karumai Sonbou is RENOVA's the twelfth large-scale solar power plant, and is the third such project that RENOVA has developed in Karumai-machi, Iwate Prefecture. It will be one of the major projects that supports RENOVA's sustainable growth going forward.

The lead arranger of the project finance is Mizuho Bank, Ltd, and the banking syndicate consists of eight banks (The Bank of Iwate, Ltd., The Tohoku Bank, Ltd., and Kita-Nippon Bank, Ltd., which are local banks, as well as The Michinoku Bank, Ltd., The Yamagata Bank, Ltd., The Aomori Bank, Ltd., The Akita Bank, Ltd., Hokuto Bank, Ltd., The Toho Bank, Ltd., and The Shonai Bank, Ltd.), and two insurance companies (Japan Post Insurance Co., Ltd. and Nippon Life Insurance Company).



<Rendering of Karumai Sonbou Solar>

<Outline of Karumai Sonbou >

Name of power plant:	Karumai Sonbou Solar Power Plant
Location:	Kokarumai, Karumai-machi, Kunohe-gun, Iwate
Capacity:	Approx. 40.8 MW
Annual electricity production:	Approx. 47.14 million kWh (equivalent to 15,800 households)
Development area:	Approx. 58 ha
Construction commencement:	April 2018
Completion of development:	October 2021

\* The values shown in the above project outline are planned values as of the date of this announcement. They are subject to change in the future.

This project utilizes the Act on Promoting Generation of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources Harmonized with Sound Development of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. A portion of the electricity sales will be donated to the local government of Karumai-machi. In addition, this project aims to revitalize the local community and economy through various means, including the use of an unused school building of a closed local junior high school as the construction site office, the utilization of local businesses, collaboration with the local forestry cooperative, and other activities.

Going forward, Karumai Sonbou will be structured such that Karumai Sonbou Solar GK will be the project operator. Renova Asset Management, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of RENOVA, will support the project asset management. RENOVA, Sky Solar Holdings Ltd., and NEC Capital Solutions Limited will maintain involvement as silent (Tokumei-Kumiai) investors.

\* The Act on Promoting Generation of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources Harmonized with Sound Development of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries was enacted on November 15, 2013. It was promulgated on November 22 of the same year and enforced on May 1, 2014. This law provides that renewable energy power generation facilities in rural areas should be developed through appropriate coordination with the use of land for agriculture, forestry, and fisheries and along with initiatives that contribute to the sound development of the local agriculture, forestry, and fisheries. The law thus aims to promote the harmonization of renewable energy power generation with the sound development of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries and thereby rejuvenate rural areas. (From the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

[About RENOVA, Inc.]

RENOVA is an independent developer and operator of renewable power plants, including large-scale solar, biomass, wind, and geothermal projects. At present, the company operates 11 large-scale solar power plants (including four under construction) and one biomass power plant. As of February 2018, RENOVA boasts industry-leading results in large-scale solar projects in Japan (total gross generation capacity of 310.9 MW<sup>\*1</sup>). RENOVA intends to further expand its portfolio in biomass, wind, and geothermal power, including one of the largest offshore wind power generation projects in Japan, to further cement its position as a leading renewable energy developer.

\*1 Including projects in operation and under construction

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