

## Red Sea Wind Energy Project to Build, Own and Operate a 650 MW Wind Farm in the Gulf of Suez 2

## Local Stakeholder Consultation Session: Second Round

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#		Feedback
	<ul> <li>The Session started by Eng. Ibrahim Eldeeb explaining the new updates of RSWE Project to the audience.</li> <li>The project was originally conceived and listed with the Gold Standard Registry as a 500 MW farm. In 2024, the Egyptian government approved a 150 MW extension. As a result, the project has a revised capacity of 650 MW.</li> <li>All details are in the LSC Session Presentation - document attached.</li> <li>Eng. Mariam Gad explained the main CSR activities implemented by RSWE Company in Ras Ghareb city.</li> </ul>	No comments were raised during the presentation.



•	RSWE Company is interested
	in working on the
	development of health and
	education sectors in Ras
	Ghareb. More details on RSWE
	CSR scope and activities are in
	the LSC CSR Presentation –
	document attached.

## **Questions and Answers**

Q1 by Tharwat Milad – Environmental Unit Manager in Ras Ghareb City Council:

- The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment of the project is not presented.
- The ESIA does not include a waste management plan and the name of the subcontractor company that transfers waste from the site. There is no plan for removing concrete waste from site.
- Environmental registers must be available at site.

Responses by Eng. Reem Elbeltagy:

- The ESIA is updated and available on the project website.
- The ESIA is produced and approved by the Egyptian Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), and Environment Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency... (EEAA). The ESIA content is responding to Egyptian environmental law, national and international regulations, which do not include adding a waste company name in the study.
- Still, all waste handling, storing and transporting procedures are available in the Project's waste management plan. The Project's waste management plan actually does have explicit planning to store the waste at the site in a safe way, remove the waste from the site and transfer it to waste handling companies also approved and certified by the Egyptian government and EEAA.
- RSWE Project Environmental registers are available at site.

Mr. Anthony Watson and Eng. Ibrahim Eldeeb confirmed that all documents are available and can be provided with arrangements. Also, a call with the E&S officer can be planned.

## Q2 by Sherif Omar:

- I would like to thank RSWE and RGWE companies for all the efforts exerted in Ras Ghareb City. I am very proud of the strong communication between the company and the local community. This was strongly established within a short period.
- RSWE and RGWE Projects developed wonderful projects, like the nurseries in Ras Ghareb. They are very well renovated.
- Eng. Mariam explained that RSWE contributions in the community development is going to expand and include further activities that responds to the community needs.



<ul> <li>Also the school uniform that was distributed to selected families. I hope we can repeat this activity.</li> <li>We also would like you to make an event to honor the best mother in the community.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Q3 by Mohsen Hamed:</li> <li>We want you to focus on the hospital. The hospital now is improving. Surgeries are held there, which was not the case in the past. We want to avoid people traveling to Hurghada to receive treatment there.</li> <li>Now the hospital needs equipment and materials to improve its capacity, such as MRI device. RSWE and RGWE support is appreciated.</li> </ul>	Eng. Mariam will discuss all cases related to the health sector explicitly after the event.
<ul> <li>Q4 by Kamal Abbas:</li> <li>Thank you very much, you participated in developing so many activities in the health sector. Thank you very much for all your contributions.</li> <li>We have outpatient clinics and we would like you to work with us on improving it.</li> <li>Also, we want the company to work on cultivating green areas in Ras Ghareb and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Eng. Mariam will discuss all cases relevant to the health sector explicitly after the event with the concerned parties as part of 2025 CSR planning.</li> <li>For the green project, RSWE is very interested in the concept. We cultivated 600 trees around schools in Ras Ghareb. Unfortunately, we faced challenges in sustaining the trees due to a lack of gardening care.</li> </ul>

planning.

include agriculture in your CSR



<ul> <li>Q5 by Mona Mahmoud Sayed:</li> <li>We wish that Eng. Mariam works to ensure a higher percentage of employment from Ras Ghareb community.</li> <li>I recommend having classes in schools conducted by Goldwind and Orascom to increase students awareness.</li> <li>I want to receive a job announcement from the labor force office in Ras Ghareb on available opportunities with RSWE.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mr. Anthony explained that RSWE site already has around 1500 workers most of whom are from Ras Ghareb. Employment priority is always given to the local community.</li> <li>The classes are on hold by a decision of the Ministry of Education Unit in Hurghada. RSWE is ready to support with our engineers to deliver the classes. We are also going to provide the educational material.</li> <li>Eng. Ibrahim mentioned that the Project provided summer training (theoretical and practical) on wind energy sector. More than 15 students visited the wind farm and received training.</li> </ul>
Q6 by Mohamed Dakhallah and Kamal Abbas:  Can you work on projects relevant to agriculture in greenhouses. I would like to see more agriculture activities in Ras Ghareb, including rooftop agriculture.	Mr. Anthony appreciated the recommendation and mentioned that we will discuss working on such activities.  RSWE CSR is mainly planned to work on Health and Education sectors. Yet, we are open to explore new activities with potential.
<ul> <li>Q7 by Heba Farouk Hegy:</li> <li>I suggest to create an organization for all wind companies so that we can implement CSR activities on bigger scale and higher budget.</li> <li>All companies can provide a training program for Ras Ghareb community on Health and Safety.</li> </ul>	RSWE team appreciated the idea.
Q8 by Mohamed Mahmoud:  Is it possible to increase the lifetime of the project to be more than 25 years?	<ul> <li>Eng. Ibrahim Eldeeb explained that the official lifetime of the wind turbine is 25 years. After 25 years they check the capacity of the wind farm if it can be upgraded to extended its lifetime.         Egyptian government is encouraging renewable energy production. Previously, contracts were designed for 20 years. Our new contract is for 25 years.     </li> </ul>

