

AP6 Opens Doors In China For Solar Group

A Melbourne-based solar technology company says it is negotiating contracts worth more than \$1 billion following an Asia Pacific Climate Partnership meeting in California earlier this month.

Solar Systems head Dave Holland will lead a solar delegation to China at the invitation of government officials following bilateral talks at the AP6 meeting.

The California meeting was the first time the eight taskforces established under the AP6 had met.

Holland, an Australian delegate on the renewable energy taskforce, told *The Australian* newspaper the meeting had exceeded all expectations.

He says his company is poised to secure a lucrative deal to roll out 150 MW solar power stations in China, India and the US following bilateral side talks between Australian renewable energy industry delegates and the Chinese government delegation.

The Solar Systems deal is likely to involve manufacturing photovoltaic panels in China.

The bilateral talks with China are also expected to lead to lucrative contracts for the wind and hydro energy industries.

The eight taskforces – which operate under the banners of renewable and distributed energy, cleaner fossil energy, power generation and transmission, steel, coal mining, aluminium, cement and buildings and appliances – consist of four government and industry representatives from each country.

The taskforces have agreed to complete action plans identifying markets across member nations for deploying low-emission technology and demonstration projects by August.

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