

RENEWABLE ENERGY NEWS IN MEDIA

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CHINESE-INVESTED COAL FIRED POWER PLANT WANTS TO DUMP WASTE NEAR VIETNAMESE PROTECTED WATERS: Vietnamese environment ministry is considering a proposal to allow Vinh Tan 3 Energy Company to dump nearly one million cubic meters of mud from their coastal coal-fired power plant Vinh Tan 3 into the sea, Soha reported June 2. The proposed dumping area will be 6 kilometers away from the Hon Cau Marine Protected Area in Vietnam's central province of Binh Thuan. The area proposed by the Vinh Tan 3 is also near a place where another Chinese invested Vinh Tan 1 company last year was initially approved by the Vietnamese environment ministry to dump waste. The ministry then had to reverse its decision due to strong opposition from the public in Vietnam. Chinese OneEnergy Ventures Ltd holds 49% of stake in Vinh Tan 3 with the rest owned by Vietnam's EVN and Thai Binh Duong Corp. The 1,980-MW Vinh Tan 3 will be constructed by China's Harbin Electric International Company.

<http://soha.vn/lai-muon-do-1-trieu-m3-bun-cat-xuong-bien-binh-thuan-20180602072558595.htm>

FORMER LAWMAKER CALLS FOR NEW NATIONAL ENERGY MASTERPLAN: Vietnam should go ahead to establish a new national energy masterplan which must take into account the environmental factors and local residents' health, Dat Viet Online reported May 30, quoting Nguyen Ngoc Tran, former vice chairman of Vietnam's National Assembly Foreign Relations Committee. He said Vietnam's emission standards are too low compared with other countries and warned that the environmental picture may become worse as China is exporting coal power technologies to neighboring countries. He also urged the government to pay more attention to solar and wind, prices of which are falling rapidly.

<http://baodatviet.vn/dien-dan-tri-thuc/can-mot-tong-so-do-nang-luong-quoc-gia-doi-moi-3359098/>

HOUSEHOLDS' GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR ROOFTOP SYSTEMS UP IN HCMC: As of early June, there were 284 households in Vietnam's biggest city of Ho Chi Minh City who installed grid-connected solar rooftop systems of 3.64 MWp, up 2.7 times from September last year, Dan Tri reported June 4, citing Nguyen Tan Hung, an official from HCMC Electric Power Company. These households sell the surplus electricity from their systems to the state-run transmission company. The company has already proposed the ministries of finance and industry to provide incentives to encourage households to install more solar systems, which are still costly.

<http://dantri.com.vn/kinh-doanh/tphcm-nguoi-dan-chi-hang-tram-trieu-dong-de-dung-dien-sach-20180604093020506.htm>

VIETNAMESE FIRM BEGIN CONSTRUCTION AT 50MWp SOLAR PLANT: Gelex Ninh Thuan Limited Company, a member of the listed GEX, kicked off construction at its 50-

MWp solar power plant in the central province of Ninh Thuan on June 4, Cafef reported. The project is expected to complete in May next year with the target for commercial operation by June 2019. Vietnam's feed-in tariff scheme for solar plants will come into effect until June 30 next year.

<http://cafef.vn/gelex-khoi-cong-du-an-trang-trai-dien-mat-troi-gelex-ninh-thuan-nghin-ty-san-sang-cho-cuoc-dua-tang-truong-moi-20180604100307504.chn>

VIETNAM COMPANY SELLS ALL STAKE IN COAL POWER PLANT TO CHINESE PARTNER: Vietnamese government is considering a proposal which will allow Hong Kong-based One Energy to become the only investor in the Vung Ang 2 coal-fired power plant in central Vietnam, VietnamBiz reported June 1. Vietnam's REE in April sold all of its 51.55% stake in the joint venture with One Energy (48.45%) which saw the Chinese investor holding 100% of the company in charge of investing the 1,200-MW plant. The transaction is pending approval from Vietnam government.

<https://vietnambiz.vn/ree-da-ban-toan-bo-co-phan-tai-nhiet-dien-vung-ang-2-cho-mot-doanh-nghiep-hong-kong-55469.html>