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### **Soitec Solar Development LLC AB 900 Living Wage Supplemental**

To Whom It May Concern:

Soitec Solar Development LLC (“Soitec”) has filed an application under the Jobs and Economic Improvement through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011 (the “Act”) (Pub. Res. Code, § 21178 et seq.). This letter is submitted to support and augment the information provided in that application, and specifically addresses the requirements found in Public Resources Code section 21183. The Soitec Solar Energy Project (the “Project”) is comprised of two sub-component projects, the Rugged Solar Farm, with a capacity of up-to 80 megawatts (MW), and the Tierra del Sol Solar Farm, with a capacity of 60 MW, to be built in San Diego County, California. The capital expenditures for the entire Project are estimated to represent an investment approaching \$500,000,000.00 Therefore, the Project is expected to far exceed the one hundred million dollar minimum investment in California in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21183(a).

During construction, the Soitec Solar Energy Project will create high-wage, highly skilled jobs for construction professionals including carpenters, electricians, and heavy equipment operators. We’ve identified the prevailing wages for job classifications as set forth by California’s Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). The total number of construction workers (consisting of laborers, craftsmen, supervisory personnel, support personnel and construction management personnel) is expected to range between 75 and 250 over an approximate 23 month period. Below is a subset of job classifications and median wages that will comprise the anticipated 36 permanent positions for the Project (the number of positions available is included in the parentheses below).

<b>Trade Classification</b>	<b>Project Rates</b>
Site manager (2)	\$45
Site lead (4)	\$30
CPV Technician (4)	\$27
CPV Mechanic I (20)	\$15
CPV Mechanic II (6)	\$20

In addition, below is a subset of job classifications and median wages that represent base wages without benefits added for San Diego County, based on fourth quarter 2012 data) from the DIR

database that we expect will comprise a majority of the construction jobs created by the project. The following wage determinations are based on the data available on the DIR web-site as of March 1, 2013, the Project will incorporate the latest DIR wage determinations at the time that contracts go out for bid for construction of the project:

<b>Labor Classification</b>	<b>Project Rates</b>
Carpenter	\$37.15
Electrician	\$37.60
Power Equipment Operator	\$37.40
Construction Laborer	\$26.13
Cement Mason/Concrete Finishers	\$26.57
Truck Driver	\$19.47

*Note: The wages noted above do not include worker benefits as described on the DIR website, but would be included in any project labor negotiation agreements.*

In addition, the Project will require several office support staff members, although the exact number required is not known at this time. San Diego County has not adopted a living wage. However, should the County adopt a living wage going forward, Soitec commits to complying with any wage requirements contained therein. As required by Public Resources Code section 21183(d), Soitec agrees that all mitigation measures required pursuant to CEQA to certify the Project under the Act shall be conditions of approval, and those conditions will be fully enforceable by the County of San Diego or another agency designated by the County. Soitec agrees that all environmental mitigations measures required to certify the Project under the Act will be monitored and enforced by the County for the life of the obligation.

As required by Public Resources Code section 21183(e), Soitec agrees to pay the costs of the Court of Appeal in hearing and deciding any case, including payment of the costs of the appointment of a special master if deemed appropriate by the court, in a form and manner specified by the Judicial Council, as provided in the Rules of Court adopted by the Judicial Council pursuant to the Act.

As required by Public Resources Code section 21183(f), Soitec agrees to pay the costs of preparing the administrative record for the Project, in a form and manner specified by the County, concurrent with review and consideration of the Project pursuant to CEQA and the Act.

Finally, as Vice President for Soitec Solar Development LLC, I am authorized to acknowledge and to bind the Project as outlined above.

Best Regards,



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