



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEW 16,000 SQUARE METER HYBRID SYSTEMS AUSTRALIA FACILITY OPENS, CEMENTING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF WA'S FAST GROWING RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR.**

Hybrid Systems Australia (HSA) today officially opened its new facility, demonstrating the business' commitment to support WA as a centre for renewable energy.

The new 16,000 square meter facility is in Perth Airport's industrial precinct and is over five times the size of the previous facility in Kewdale.

The new facility is understood to be the largest in the world focused on the design and construction of sophisticated Stand-Alone Power Systems (SPS).

The facility will house Hybrid Systems' rapidly growing workforce of over 130 Western Australian staff, up from 30 only one year ago, generating new jobs and investment in Western Australia manufacturing and capabilities. This includes the support of apprenticeship programs, opportunities, and training within the fast-growing renewables sector.

Executive Director, Mike Hall recognised the significant milestone for the Hybrid Systems business.

"The company has seen rapid growth since its inception in 2015 and the investment in this world class facility is recognition of the growing demand of clean energy sources and solutions."

"We are incredibly proud to be well positioned and have the scale to meet the increasing demand of SPS and larger grid connected Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)"

Hybrid Systems Australia joined the Pacific Energy Group in May 2020.

Pacific Energy Group CEO Jamie Cullen noted the importance of Hybrid Systems Australia as the integrated renewables subsidiary of the Pacific Energy Group.

"The team at Hybrid Systems is growing from strength to strength and form an integral part of the Pacific Energy Group, providing cutting edge renewable energy solutions both internally to our remote energy business and externally to government, mining and industrial customers"

Western Australian Minister for Energy Bill Johnston toured the world-class facility this week.

"Congratulations to Hybrid Systems Australia on their impressive, new facility.

Hybrid Systems is already a valued contractor for the WA Government, having provided more than 100 Stand-Alone Power Systems to Western Power.

They are playing an important role in WA's rapidly-growing renewable energy future and helping the McGowan Government achieve its goal to rollout 1,000 SPS by 2025."

#### **Key Points:**

1. HSA has taken a long-term lease at the airport's industrial precinct to house the purpose-built facility providing a significant increase to its production capacity and to service expected requirements for ongoing SPS roll outs in the years ahead.
2. The driving force behind increasing demand of SPS is Western Australian power utility Western Power. Western Power provides SPS units to customers in regional and remote locations to improve their power reliability and quality alongside environmental and cost benefits for the community. Each SPS consists of reliable renewable energy supplied from solar panels, battery storage, and a backup generator. The customer draws power directly from their dedicated SPS independent of grid while continuing to receive the service of Western Power who maintains and owns the SPS unit.

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3. HSA have successfully completed Round 1 installation of 45 Stand-alone-power systems for Western Power and have commenced installation of a further 35 SPS units that were awarded to HSA for Round 2 and an additional 25 as part of Western Power's recovery post Cyclone Seroja. This, along with future anticipated demand, has given the company the confidence to make a long-term commitment to the new purpose-built manufacturing facility.
4. Hybrid System's SPS units utilise world-class componentry, with all design, manufacturing, assembly, installation, commissioning, operating & maintenance occurring in-house and locally in Perth, Western Australia, resulting in a proven record of quality, reliability, and performance.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Hybrid Systems Australia**

Hybrid Systems Australia (HSA) is an Australian company, headquartered in Perth specialising in Build Own Operations (BOO) or Design and Construct (D&C) inclusive of all aspects of design, procurement, manufacturing, installation, commissioning, and operations of remotely located hybrid renewable energy systems. This includes systems with varying combinations of Solar PV, Wind, Stand Alone Power Systems (SPS), Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), Hydrogen and back-up thermal generation. For more see [www.hybridsystems.com.au](http://www.hybridsystems.com.au) or follow HSA on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/hybrid-systems-australia>

HSA is a subsidiary of the Pacific Energy Group, which is owned by QIC, a globally significant infrastructure investor. HSA was purchased by Pacific Energy in May 2020.

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##### **Captions for attached images:**

- *Image 1 Left to Right: Aaron Hodges, Managing Director Hybrid Systems; Mike Hall, Executive Director Hybrid Systems; Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Energy and Daniel Jackson, General Manager Operations Hybrid Systems*
- *Image 2: Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Energy tours the new facility*
- *Image 3: Picture of the new Hybrid Systems Australia facility at Perth Airport industrial precinct*



