



Press Release

Vela Energy Issues €404.4 Million Photovoltaic Project Bond

Largest investment-grade project bond issuance in the European photovoltaic sector to date

Madrid, June [22]nd, 2016 – Vela Energy (“Vela” or the “Company”), a leading European independent renewable energy producer, today announced that it has successfully closed the issuance of its €404.4 million non-recourse project bond, the largest issuance in the European photovoltaic sector to date. The proceeds from the issuance will be mainly used to refinance existing indebtedness of 35 solar photovoltaic projects in Spain, which produce 157.3 GWh annually, sufficient energy to power more than 45,000 homes.

Vela’s non-recourse project bond has a 3.195% coupon, a 20 year maturity (June 2036) and has been rated “BBB stable” by Standard & Poor’s.

“Our entire team is proud of the successful issuance of our first project bond,” stated Íñigo Olaguibel, Chief Executive Officer of Vela Energy. “Notably, the issuance was oversubscribed by both international and Spanish investors. This strong investor interest demonstrates the favorable market sentiment towards Spanish renewable energy assets and highlights the significant opportunities for the sector over the long-term.”

Deutsche Bank and CaixaBank acted as global coordinators, joint lead managers and bookrunners of the issuance, Banco Popular acted as co-manager, and Bank of America Merrill Lynch assisted the issuer throughout the transaction and acted as placement agent.

About Vela Energy

Vela Energy is a leading independent renewable energy producer in the Southern Europe. The platform operates large scale solar photovoltaic plants in Spain and Italy, with a portfolio of 122MWp of plants operated for its own account and a total of 246MWp under management (including plants operated both for its own account and for the account of third parties). The Vela Energy team has been active in the solar sector since 2006, and has a proven track record in the development, construction, financing and operation of large scale renewable energy assets across Europe, the United States and Australia.

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