

## Press Release

# Dubai International Academic City, Dubai Outsource City Complete Solar PV Carports in Partnership with ENOVA

- *Projects to offset 3,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year*
- *More than 7,000 panels installed across Dubai International Academic City, Dubai Outsource City*

**Dubai-UAE: 24 August, 2020** – Dubai International Academic City and Dubai Outsource City, part of TECOM Group, have today jointly announced the successful completion of work on two solar PV carports that will generate 4.25 GWh of clean electricity annually — enough to power 350 homes.

They are the first solar PV carports commissioned for the business communities and fall within the purview of a sustainability partnership between the Group and Enova, a regional leader in integrated energy and multi-technical services. While reinforcing Dubai's ongoing commitment to developing state-of-the-art, sustainable infrastructure, the projects will boost energy efficiency and provide renewable electricity to the Group's business communities.

With the installation of 4,170 photovoltaic panels (PV panels), the 1.6 MWp solar carport in Dubai Outsource City will meet 98 per cent of the community's energy requirements and cut 1,250 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually.

The second environmentally-friendly initiative, a 1.1 MWp solar carport will meet up to a fifth of Dubai International Academic City's electricity consumption demands. Completed

in eight weeks, it will provide solar power to 12 university buildings across the largest academic ecosystem in the world.

Collectively, the two projects boast more than 7,000 solar panels and span a total area of over 14,000 square metres — the equivalent of two and a half football pitches.

Mohammed Abdullah, Managing Director of Dubai International Academic City, said: “This achievement is part of the wider Group’s commitment towards sustainability. In 2019, we implemented several energy-saving initiatives across our 10 communities that reduced energy consumption by more than 10 per cent compared to 2018. The solar carport is one such initiative that has helped us continue to deliver on our sustainability vision, while shaping Dubai’s innovation-driven economy.”

For his part, Ammar Al Malik, Managing Director of Dubai Outsource City, said: “The completion of our first solar carport in Dubai Outsource City falls in line with the UAE’s vision to emerge as a world leader in renewable energy consumption and generation. We are proud of this partnership and strive to minimise the environmental footprint of our sector-focused ecosystems by providing world-class, sustainable infrastructure for our business partners to support their environmental efforts.”

Renaud Capris, CEO of Enova, said: “Powered by Enova’s cutting-edge, renewable energy technologies, the new solar carports will deliver several key benefits including enhanced energy efficiency for both TECOM Group and its business communities, all the while reducing the UAE’s overall carbon footprint. We are proud of our part in aiding the country to not only advance its efforts to realise a sustainable future powered by renewable energy, but also support their aspirations to become a global leader within the field.”

Dubai International Academic City and Dubai Outsource City are committed to reducing energy consumption and promoting the responsible use of natural resources by

developing renewable energy infrastructure, conserving water, increasing recycling and reducing waste generation as part of a group-wide sustainability drive.

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#### **About Dubai International Academic City**

Dubai International Academic City (DIAC) is the world's largest ecosystem dedicated to higher education. Established in 2007, as part of TECOM Group, DIAC aims to develop the region's talent pool and help establish the UAE as a knowledge-based economy through the provision of multi-tiered academic institutions that are internationally accredited.

DIAC is located on a fully-appointed 18 million sq ft campus with state-of-the-art facilities. It is home to 27 universities from 9 countries, including Amity University Dubai Campus, Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus, University of Wollongong Dubai, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus, Hult International Business School, Murdoch University Dubai, and The University of Manchester Middle East Centre to name a few.

DIAC provides more than 500 certificate, diploma, undergraduate, post-graduate and PHD programmes to over 27,000 students of 150 nationalities and continues to grow as per the needs of its robust and talented academic community.

#### **About Dubai Outsource City**

Dubai Outsource City is a deeply embedded business community within Dubai's outsourcing landscape. It was established by TECOM Group in 2007 to accelerate the development of a world-class ecosystem that enables local and international companies to meet ensure the continuity of backend business services from the heart of Dubai.

Supporting a workforce of over 8,000 professionals and more than 160 companies including major industry players such as Emirates, Interglobe and Genpact, Dubai Outsource City give individuals from all over the world a platform to connect, share knowledge and exchange ideas.

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Enova is the regional leader in integrated energy and multi-technical services, delivering comprehensive services to its clients. It provides performance-based Energy & Facilities Management solutions that help customers achieve their financial, operational, and environmental targets. With over 3,000 highly trained and multi-skilled employees, Enova serves a wide portfolio of clients in the public, residential, commercial, industrial and healthcare sectors across the region.

Enova was created in 2002 as a joint venture between Majid Al Futtaim and Veolia. Majid Al Futtaim is the leading shopping malls, communities, retail and leisure pioneer across the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Veolia is a global leader in optimized resource

management, designing and providing water, waste, and energy management solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of communities and industries.

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