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First Solar starts construction on largest solar plant in Georgia

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Leaders representing the coalition of organizations contributing to the largest solar power plant in Georgia gathered today to celebrate start of construction. The ceremonial groundbreaking brought together state officials, Georgia Power, Georgia Public Service Commission, Twiggs County Commission, Origis Energy and First Solar representatives to extoll the benefits of the 200-MW, GA Solar 4 project, located in Twiggs County, Georgia.

The largest infrastructure project in Twiggs County, the solar facility will create up to 400 construction jobs and ongoing tax revenues for the region.

"GA Solar 4 will make a significant contribution to Georgia," said Johan Vanhee, managing director, business development and operations for Origis Energy, owners of the plant. "Twiggs County leaders have worked closely with First Solar to make this project a reality. It will make a very strong positive difference in the area's economic growth and long-term tax base. We thank all members of the team for their contributions to this solar milestone."

Origis will also operate the plant. It was developed by First Solar, who is constructing the site utilizing over half a million of its Series 6 thin film solar modules on 2,000-acres near Warner Robins, Georgia. Origis purchased the project from First Solar as announced on October 24, 2018. The site is anticipated to be complete in December 2019.

"This project is a direct result of the Georgia Public Service Commission's visionary efforts to expand solar in the state," said Omar Aboudaher, regional director of project development for First Solar. "We are more hopeful today that the GA Solar 4 project is a stepping stone to the greater expansion of solar energy in the state. The success of this project could not have been possible without Georgia Power's vision and the tireless efforts of Twiggs County."

All energy and renewable attributes of the project will be sold to Georgia Power through Georgia Power's Renewable Energy Development Initiative (REDI) Program, benefiting all Georgia Power customers.

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