

Press Release

Punj Lloyd-constructed polysilicon plant in Qatar produces its first polysilicon

This is Qatar's first polysilicon plant and the largest in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region

New Delhi, 31 July, 2017 : It was a feat of accomplishment for Punj Lloyd, a leading global EPC conglomerate, when the first polysilicon was produced at Qatar Solar Technologies' plant where Punj Lloyd was the EPC contractor. The contract for the 8,000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) manufacturing facility in Qatar was awarded to Punj Lloyd by Qatar Solar Technologies (QSTec) as part of QSTec's plans to set up a plant for high-purity solar grade polysilicon. The site was in Ras Laffan Industrial City in the north east of Qatar, the heart of Qatar's LNG (liquefied natural gas) refineries and exports.

The activation of QSTec's plant represents a major step forward for the MENA region's solar industry.

Speaking on this milestone, **Atul Jain, Director - Punj Lloyd** said, *"We are happy that as the EPC contractor of this world-class facility, we have been able to establish our client's commitment to sustainability, environmental protection and greenhouse gas reduction."* QSTec polysilicon plant is the largest polysilicon plant in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and QSTec plans to expand the capacity of this plant to over 50,000 MTPA.

On achieving this major milestone, **QSTec's Chairman and CEO, Dr. Khalid K. Al Hajri** said, *"We are now moving from the construction phase towards full scale production and it's an incredibly exciting time for QSTec and the region's solar industry. The MENA region's solar industry is forecast for high growth and QSTec is well positioned to meet this demand."*

Polysilicon is the key raw material used in 90% of the world's solar modules. The new facility uses environmentally friendly technologies, next generation reactors, energy efficient cooling systems and advanced waste treatment facilities that recycle excess gasses and water for reuse in a closed loop system that reduces costs. In addition to this, QSTec's new facility has a 1.1 megawatt solar installation that includes a ground mounted solar farm as well as rooftop and solar car parking shades and is a showcase of sustainability.

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