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AGL TO SUPPLY 100 PER CENT RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR DESAL PLANT

AGL has been chosen to supply renewable energy for Adelaide's \$1.83 billion desalination plant, Premier Mike Rann announced today.

"AGL will supply renewable energy to meet 100 per cent of the electricity consumed by the Adelaide Desalination Plant over a 20-year contract period," Premier Rann said.

"The agreement with AGL ensures that 100 per cent of the renewable energy will come from GreenPower accredited sources – **located in South Australia** – now and in the future.

"The use of GreenPower accreditation standards will ensure clean and sustainable energy for the desalination plant - one of South Australia's largest infrastructure projects.

"We are confident the approach by SA Water and AGL will ensure we have an energy solution that achieves the best environmental outcome for this project.

"South Australia is committed to remaining a national leader in renewable energy.

"We are home to half of the nation's wind power, about 25 per cent of Australia's grid-connected domestic solar panel systems, and more than 90 per cent of national investment in geothermal energy.

"We've also increased South Australia's renewable energy production target to 33 per cent by 2020, well above the national target of 20 per cent by 2020.

"AGL has demonstrated a strong commitment to the development of renewable energy projects in South Australia.

"It is Australia's largest private owner, operator and developer of renewable generation, with more than \$2.3 billion worth of accredited renewable projects either built or under construction.

"This is a significant contract for South Australia and this announcement today follows a comprehensive and competitive tender process that included assessment against a range of criteria. SA Water has negotiated an outcome that is value for money and highly mindful of the environment.

The South Australian Desalination Plant is on track to produce first water at the end of December 2010.