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MDC welcomes Premier's announcement on solar project commitment 16 March 2010

Mildura Development Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Anne Mansell, welcomed the positive news today by Premier Brumby in relation to Silex's acquisition of Solar Systems and the continued commitment to construct a Solar Power Station at Carwarp.

"Mildura Development Corporation is working hard to achieve large scale solar power development. Our region has all the right infrastructure, climatic conditions and community support. Today's announcement by the Premier, after visiting the Abbotsford manufacturing site, demonstrates further confidence that the Mildura region will see the development of utility scale solar by Silex Systems." Mrs Mansell said.

Mildura Development Corporation congratulated the Victorian Government on bringing forward \$3.5 million to assist Silex Systems with continued research and development into the technology required.

"The solar community worldwide have known that the research by Solar Systems into concentrated photovoltaic solar was cutting edge. This will provide a great opportunity to further develop an efficient and effective system that can be scaled up for large scale solar production." Mrs Mansell said.

Mrs Mansell said that Mildura Development Corporation looked forward to working on this and other potential solar developments.

"The Federal Government is now in the process of short listing applications for Solar Flagships and we are aware of a number of companies that want to establish a large scale solar power plant in the Mildura Rural City Council municipality." Mrs Mansell said

With the commitment of \$100 million from the State Government's Large Scale Solar Project funding, along with the Federal Government's Solar Flagships, Mildura Development Corporation have been proactively marketing the region for solar developments over the last year.

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