



## **POLARIS RENEWABLE ENERGY ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION TRANSACTION IN PUERTO RICO**

TORONTO, ON (October 29th 2024) – Polaris Renewable Energy Inc. (TSX:PIF) ("Polaris" or the "Company"), is pleased to announce that it has entered into an Equity Capital Contribution Agreement ("ECCA") with respect to Punta Lima Wind Farm LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Santander Bank N.A. -"Santander"-).

The project is an operating onshore wind farm called Punta Lima Wind Farm ("PLWF" or the "Project") with a nameplate capacity of 26.0 MW's located in the Municipality of Naguabo, Puerto Rico. The Project was re-constructed and recommissioned by Santander and has a 20-year power purchase agreement ("PPA") in place with Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) terminating in March 2044.

The transaction is being completed using a tax-equity structure which will result in Polaris becoming the manager and operator of the Project with a controlling equity interest and Santander retaining a tax equity interest in the Project. the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, which principally consist of approval of the acquisition by local regulatory bodies as well as the execution of a corresponding LLC Agreement. It is expected that these conditions will take approximately 90 days to finalize. The total equity contribution of \$20 million from Polaris will be subject to customary closing adjustments including working capital changes. Polaris intends to use cash on hand to fund the equity contribution. Santander Corporate & Investment Banking acted as sole financial advisor to Santander Bank N.A.

"This strategic acquisition further deploys Polaris capital into another jurisdiction while adding wind into our generation mix", said Marc Murnaghan, President and CEO of Polaris. "We believe that this transaction provides attractive near-term returns to our shareholders as well as enhancing our growth opportunities significantly. This includes the use of energy storage to provide competitively priced energy and grid stabilization services as well as exploring further strategic opportunities on the island given its stated future energy requirements."

"Santander is proud to have rebuilt the Punta Lima wind farm in Puerto Rico and is very pleased to be selling its interest to a specialist partner in Polaris," said Nuno Andrade, head of Global Debt Financing US, Santander Corporate & Investment Banking. "It was the right thing to do to support the island's clean energy efforts and we are very happy with this outcome."

### **About Polaris Renewable Energy Inc.**

Polaris Renewable Energy Inc. is a Canadian publicly traded company engaged in the development, construction, acquisition, and operation of renewable energy projects in Latin America.

The Company's operations are in 5 Latin American countries and include a geothermal plant (~82 MW), 3 run-of-river hydroelectric plants (~39 MW), and 3 solar (photovoltaic) projects in operation (~35 MW).

### **About Santander**

Santander Bank, N.A. is one of the country's leading retail and commercial banks, with \$102 billion in assets. The Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Madrid-based Banco Santander, S.A. (NYSE: SAN), recognized as one of the world's most admired companies by Fortune Magazine in 2024, with 168 million customers in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America. It is overseen by Santander Holdings USA, Inc., Banco Santander's intermediate holding company in the U.S.

Santander Corporate & Investment Banking (Santander CIB) is Santander's global division that supports corporate and institutional clients, offering tailored services and value-added wholesale products suited to their complexity and sophistication, as well as to responsible banking standards that contribute to the progress of society. Santander US Capital Markets LLC (SanCap) is the institutional broker-dealer of Santander in the United States operating under Santander Corporate & Investment Banking, a Santander global division that supports corporate and institutional clients."

#### **About Punta Lima Wind Farm LLC.**

Punta Lima Wind Farm, LLC operates a wind power plant called Punta Lima Wind Farm, The Punta Lima project started production in October 2012 until it was rendered inoperative by hurricane Maria in 2017. Installation of 13 new Vestas V100-2.0 MW wind turbines started in 2022 with COD achieved in March 2024.

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Although the forward-looking information contained in this press release is based upon what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The information in this press release, including such forward-looking information, is made as of the date of this press release and, other than as required by applicable securities laws, Polaris assumes no obligation to update or revise such information to reflect new events or circumstances.