



AURA SOLAR MEXICO

Pioneering solar power in Latin America



Aura Solar I is one of the largest photovoltaic energy projects in Latin America and key in driving Mexico's clean energy revolution forward. The plant generates about 82 Gwh of solar power per year and prevents 42,500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

The Context

Aura Solar I is located in La Paz, the capital city of the Mexican state of Baja California Sur. It has an installed capacity of 39 MW and is one of the first large scale solar photovoltaic plants developed in Latin America.

The Project

The solar power plant is an important driver of the clean energy revolution in Mexico. It is part of the wider initiative “Iniciativa Aura Solar”, which aims to develop successful large-scale photovoltaic projects that can capitalise on Mexico’s high solar potential. It provides an alternative, renewable energy source that can subsidise the electricity grid.

The Benefits

By replacing fossil fuel use, the project significantly reduces emissions and helps mitigate the environmental risks of the transport of hydrocarbons into the delicate ecosystem of the Gulf of California. Aura Solar employs local workers and provides employees technical training.

Capitalising on Mexico’s high solar potential and promoting the country’s renewable energy sector.

Official Name

Aura Solar I Solar Project in Baja California Sur, Mexico

Commercial Operation Date

September 2013

Total capacity

39 MW

Estimated Annual Electricity Generation

43,000 MWh

Quality Assurance and Verification

In accordance with the I-REC Code

Transparency

I-RECs listed in I-REC Registry

Reportability

Meets GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance criteria



153 employees

trained, providing important capacity building to local communities



82 Gwh

generated per year, providing clean energy to Mexico



7,000 USD

invested in improved road infrastructure, promoting development in the region



42,500 tCO₂e

mitigated per year, by providing an alternative to the burning of fossil fuels

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