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Maputo, Mozambique - The U.S. Trade and Development Agency expanded its support for Mozambique's energy sector by funding two projects that will help deliver electricity to thousands of households through wind power and energy storage technology. The projects are among Mozambique's first utility-scale wind power plants - a large step in expanding the country's electrification.

"USTDA's assistance will support Mozambique's efforts to tap into its abundant renewable energy resources. These projects are prime examples of how USTDA uses innovative technology to promote access to electricity and economic growth in its partner countries," said Todd Abrajano, USTDA's Chief Operating Officer and Head of Agency. "Mozambique's energy expansion will also create opportunities for American companies to supply quality infrastructure solutions that are built to last."

USTDA awarded a grant for a feasibility study to help Ventos de Inhambane, S.A. develop a wind power plant with energy storage near Praia da Rocha. U.S. firm Delphos International, Ltd. will undertake the study.

"The valuable support USTDA is providing will enable the advancement of the Inhambane Wind Farm. USTDA is helping Mozambique expand its renewable energy sector, while providing much needed clean power and sustainable investment for the growth of the region," said Bernardo T. Fernandes, Managing Partner of Enventure Partners, LLC, the majority shareholder of Ventos de Inhambane, S.A.

USTDA also committed funding for a feasibility study to support Globeleq Calanga Wind, S.A., a subsidiary company of Globeleq, in the development of a two-phase wind power project with energy storage in the Manhiça district. The study will be performed by U.S. firm DNV GL Energy USA, Inc.

"We would like to thank USTDA for filling an early stage funding gap. The crucial role they are playing in the Manhiça wind project helps us accelerate renewable energy choices for the country," said Jonathan Hoffman, Chief Development Officer of Globeleq.

These projects support the Electrify Africa Act as well as the Prosper Africa, Power Africa, and Doing Business in Africa programs.

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency helps companies create U.S. jobs through the export of U.S. goods and services for priority development projects in emerging economies. USTDA links U.S. businesses to export opportunities by funding project preparation and partnership building activities that develop sustainable infrastructure and foster economic growth in partner countries.

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The new funding round supports productive-use-of-energy (PUE) providers across a range of fields, including agriculture, for example water pumping and irrigation, food processing and distribution, fishing and e-mobility. PUE solutions linked to mini-grids are also eligible.

Interested private sector companies with experience of scaling PUE solutions in Mozambique or elsewhere in Sub-Saharan Africa are invited to apply for funding under this new Call for Proposals (BGFA6). The main goal of the funding round is to enable local energy service providers to accelerate their business growth in Mozambique and to encourage international energy service providers to utilise the expertise and capacities of local market actors.

“We are very pleased to open our second funding round in Mozambique to support the scale-up of productive-use-of-energy solutions and cooperate with AMER to promote the call to local businesses. PUE solutions can provide broad socio-economic benefits for the population of Mozambique, including economic growth, income generation, job creation and often reduced workloads, allowing people time to undertake additional productive activities,” comments Tina Møller, Programme Manager at Nefco.

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