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Natixis Acts as Left Side Bookrunner and Mandated Lead Arranger for CAD 174 Million Ontario Solar Project Portfolio

Natixis acted as Left Side Bookrunner, Mandated Lead Arranger, Administrative Agent, and Interest Rate Swap Provider to finance the acquisition and construction of a 34 MWac portfolio of four photovoltaic solar projects, known as Northern Solar, in Ontario.

The borrower, a wholly owned subsidiary of FieraAxiom Infrastructure Inc., will use the proceeds to acquire, fund the construction of, and operate the four projects, which are anticipated to achieve commercial operation between March-May 2014. The solar facilities will sell all production under power purchase agreements granted through Ontario's Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) program, under which the Ontario Power Authority will contract for 20 years of output.

FieraAxiom Infrastructure Inc. is an independent portfolio management firm which has significant solar experience in Ontario.

For Natixis, which opened an office in Canada in November 2012, this is its second project of 2013 under the Feed-in-Tariff program developed by the Ontario Power Authority to encourage and promote greater use of renewable energy in Ontario.

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About Natixis

Natixis is the corporate, investment and financial services arm of Groupe BPCE, the 2nd-largest banking group in France with 21% of total bank deposits and 36 million clients spread over two networks, Banque Populaire and Caisses d'Épargne.

With around 22,000 employees, Natixis has a number of areas of expertise which are organized in three main business lines: Wholesale Banking, Investment Solutions and Specialized Financial Services.

A global player, Natixis has its own client base of companies, financial institutions and institutional investors as well as the client base of individuals, professionals and small and medium-size businesses of Groupe BPCE's two retail banking networks.

Listed on the Paris stock exchange, it has a solid financial base with a CET1 capital under Basel 3 ⁽¹⁾ of €12.4 billion, a Basel 3 CET1 Ratio⁽¹⁾ of 9.7% and quality long-term ratings (Standard & Poor's: A / Moody's: A2 / Fitch Ratings: A).

⁽¹⁾ Pro forma of the sale of CCIs - Basel 3 impact will depend on final rules – Fully-loaded except on DTAs. Figures as at June 30, 2013. Ratings as of July 17, 2013.

Natixis is a recognised player in the Infrastructure space and has notably obtained the following rankings and awards:

#1 Arranger in France for PPP, Concessions or DSP by Le Magazine des Affaires in 2011-2013

#3 "Best arranger of project finance loans" by Euroweek in 2012

#5 Bookrunner for Project Finance in EMEA by Thomson in 2012

More information on Natixis infrastructure expertise available on:

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