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Energioni to Spend \$1.1 Billion on Wind, Solar Parks, Dimov Says

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Energioni AD, the Bulgarian Stock Exchange's biggest company by market capitalization, plans to build wind and solar parks worth 1.5 billion lev (\$1.1 billion) in the next 15 years, Chairman Maxim Dimov said.

The Sofia-based renewable energy project developer plans to raise 1 billion lev in a secondary share offering aimed "mostly at international investors," Dimov, 50, said in a Sofia interview yesterday. Its shares began trading again on Aug. 12, following a 15-month suspension, as a dispute over a 2010 capital increase was resolved in July.

Energioni, controlled by Greek investors and Bulgarian brokerage Mac Cup EAD, has a 10-to-15-year portfolio of wind projects totaling 2,271 megawatts and solar projects amounting to 400 megawatts. It got three renewable energy generation licenses from Bulgarian authorities to build two wind parks with 200-megawatt capacity each and a 120-megawatt solar park.

"Bulgaria is a good place for renewable energy production in terms of sun and wind potential and existing legislation," Dimov said. "We expect to sell the additional share issue in a package to foreign investors in a short term. Preparations for the share issue will start this year."

Bulgaria aims to meet its [European Union](#) target of raising the share of renewable energy in final consumption to 16 percent in 2020 from 11 percent in 2010. The target share of electricity produced by wind and solar parks, hydro- and geothermal [power plants](#) is 21 percent by 2020 from 15 percent in 2010, according to the Energy and Economy Ministry.

Wind Investment

About 450 million euros (\$641 million) have been invested in Bulgarian wind parks by international investors including [Enel Green Power SpA \(EGPW\)](#), a unit of [Italy's](#) biggest utility, AES Geo Energy, a unit of U.S. power utility [AES Corp. \(AES\)](#), and a unit of German wind turbine maker Enercon GmbH, according to the Bulgarian Wind Energy Association.

Energioni shares traded unchanged at 3.1 lev per share in Sofia today, bringing its market capitalization to almost 1.7 billion lev. UniCredit Bank Austria AG, a unit of [UniCredit SpA \(UCG\)](#), holds 2 percent of Energioni shares and Swiss-based investment bank Pictet & Cie

holds 1.6 percent. Energoni contracted Evi Distribution SA in [Switzerland](#) to work on the projects.

The company will start construction of a 550-million lev wind park near the village of Dobrin in northern Bulgaria and the first section of the plant with capacity of 54 megawatts will be ready in 2012, Dimov said. The full 200-megawatt capacity will be reached in 2015, he said.

Construction of a 26-megawatt solar park near the city of Pernik in western Bulgaria will start this year and its full 120-megawatt capacity will be achieved in 2013, Dimov said. The project is worth 130 million lev, he said.

Construction Permits

Energoni has a permit for a second 200-megawatt wind park near the capital Sofia, worth also 550 million lev, Dimov said. He gave no timeframe for its construction.

Bulgaria increased output from renewable energy sources by 67 percent last year to 5,509 gigawatt-hours as new hydropower plants, wind and solar parks went into operation, according to the Energy and Economy Ministry. Total wind capacity rose 38 percent to 465 megawatts, while solar projects' total capacity was 21.4 megawatts, the ministry said.

Other international companies operating wind and solar parks in Bulgaria include Mitsubishi Corp. and [South Korea's](#) SDN Co.

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