

Powering Brett Martin



Brett Martin, one of Northern Ireland's most successful independent manufacturing companies, is now procuring renewable electricity from Lightsource bp, a leading global solar company. Lightsource bp financed, completed and now operate the 6.42MWp solar installation at Gibson Farm in Mallusk, Newtownabbey which is hard-wired directly into Brett Martin's facility just over a mile away.

Brett Martin purchases the renewable energy generated at Gibson Farm from Lightsource bp via a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) that guarantees a fixed, index-linked price for the next 25 years. This long-term price visibility provides Brett Martin with a way to hedge against fluctuations in the energy market, and to protect themselves from unforeseen price hikes.

Project Details



6.42MWp

installed capacity



14%

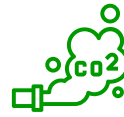
of annual electricity demand met by solar



25 year

contract term

Environmental Impacts



3,700 tonnes

of carbon emissions saved



Equivalent to the energy needs of over **1,600** houses



Equivalent to taking over **1,800** cars off the road

Laurence Martin, Managing Director, Brett Martin explains, "The partnership with Lightsource bp now more than doubles our renewable footprint and also highlights our commitment to environmentally sensitive manufacturing practice. We are very grateful to the many local interest groups statutory bodies and government agencies who provided help and assistance to both Lightsource bp and ourselves as we progressed the project to completion."

Nick Boyle, CEO at Lightsource bp, said: "We're delighted to have developed this project with Brett Martin, who join other Lightsource bp partnerships, including Belfast International Airport, Bentley Motors and Thames Water, in procuring renewable electricity. Choosing to source solar electricity via private-wire provides Brett Martin with a long-term hedging strategy against rising costs in today's volatile energy market. We're proud to be working with corporations both locally and internationally to cut costs and increase price visibility, as well as to accelerate the global low-carbon transition."

