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PETALING JAYA: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) is acquiring a 50% stake in Luxembourg's Vortex Solar Investments SARL, which operates 365MW solar portfolio in the UK, for £86 million (RM476 million).

In a filing with the stock exchange, the power utility said its wholly owned subsidiary TNB International Sdn Bhd entered into a subscription and funding agreement with EFG Hermes Holding's wholly owned subsidiary Beaufort Investments SARL for the acquisition.

TNB said the acquisition is in line with its five-year international expansion roadmap, which aims to secure up to 5000MW new generation capacity internationally by 2020, including the need to secure up to 250MW of renewable energy projects.

It said the solar energy assets are a unique portfolio of young and sizeable asset with an average asset age of two years and an estimated useful life of 30 years.

"They are immediately earning accretive on completion of the acquisition and currently delivering a high performance ratio. They are backed by a 15-year power purchase agreements secured with creditworthy off-takers and supported by Renewable Obligation Certificates for 20 years," it said.

TNB shares rose 10 sen to RM13.94 last Friday.