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Tenaga Nasional Bhd president and chief executive officer Datuk Baharin Din (inset) says proceeds from its latest refinance package will be recycled to fund its renewable energy growth in Europe. FILE PIX

UNLOCKING VALUE

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB), via subsidiary Vantage RE Ltd, has completed a €72 million refinance package with two major lenders in the United Kingdom.

TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Baharin Din said the refinancing allowed the company to unlock its renewables portfolio's value through further optimisation of the existing capital structure.

It also reflected the confidence in Vantage RE's capabilities in the UK renewable energy (RE) market.

"The net proceeds will be re-

cycled to fund TNB's RE growth in Europe as we continue to focus on our long-term growth objectives," he said.

The financing facility with Mizuho Bank Ltd and National Westminster Bank Plc features a 15-year tenure and is related to TNB's offshore wind investment in Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Ltd (BODL).

BODL is the entity that owns an operating 41.5 MW offshore wind farm off the northeast coast of England in partnership with EDF Renewables, the RE arm of French state-owned utility company Électricité de France SA.

Vantage RE has a 49 per cent stake in BODL, with the acquisition completed in October 2021.

This marks its second successful refinancing exercise, with the first being the £275 million refinancing of its 365MW solar portfolio in Vantage Solar UK Ltd completed last February.

Vantage RE's asset portfolio consists of solar, onshore and offshore wind assets totalling 530MW in generation capacity, with a further 102MW of solar under construction that is expected to achieve commissioning in the first quarter of 2024.