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KUALA LANGAT: Tenaga Nasional Bhd's (TNB) large-scale solar (LSS) project, here, has reached its initial operation date (IOD) with the first generated power transmitted to the national grid.

TNB said work was progressing well, with the solar plant set to generate at its full capacity of 50 megawatt (MW) by year-end.

The plant, which has 230,000 solar panels and 10km of 132kV power and fibre optic underground cable, is Malaysia's first and largest LSS project to date.

The project, which started in

July last year, is developed by TNB's subsidiary, TNB Sepang Solar Sdn Bhd, on a 98ha site in Mukim Tanjung 12.

The engineering, procurement and construction partner for the project is TNB Engineering Corp Sdn Bhd.

"The LSS project is a testament of TNB's aspiration and commitment towards the growth of renewable energy (RE) in Malaysia.

"It displays TNB's competencies and expertise in RE as well as being a reputable developer of

power projects," it said in a statement yesterday.

The Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Ministry has set a target of 20 per cent of the country's electricity to be generated from renewable sources by 2030, a big increase from the current two per cent.

Currently, 53 per cent of Peninsular Malaysia's power generation is from coal, 42 per cent from natural gas and five per cent from hydro, together with other forms of RE.