

# HUL partners Brookfield to set up 45 MW solar energy park in Rajasthan

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New Delhi: Hindustan Unilever Ltd on Friday announced a strategic partnership with <u>Brookfield</u> to set up a solar energy park with 45 MW capacity in Rajasthan. The company's board has approved acquiring up to 27.73 per cent for Rs 12.15 crore in Transition Sustainable Energy Services One Pvt Ltd, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) incorporated by Brookfield, the company said in a regulatory filing.

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On its partnership with Brookfield, a global alternative asset manager with one of the world's largest renewable power platforms, HUL said the move will help it in its journey towards net zero.

The project will be developed at the site of Brookfield's solar park, being

undertaken as a part of Brookfield Global Transition Fund, it said.

"Collaboration is key to achieving our net zero commitment. The proposed green energy partnership is a step in the right direction. I am sure this will pave the way for more such transformative partnerships that align with environmental and economic sustainability and will help stakeholders across the value chain," HUL CEO and MD Rohit Jawa said.

Brookfield Managing Director, Renewable Power and Transition, Nawal Saini said through the partnership the company will supply "green energy at scale to HUL and its suppliers from a single location in Bikaner which is a part of our larger 550 MW solar park".

The SPV is formed under the government's group captive open access renewable energy scheme and it aims to generate renewable energy by setting up a 45 MW capacity solar energy park in Rajasthan, the filing said.

Commenting on Bajaj's appointment as an independent director, HUL Chairman Nitin Paranjpe said, 'Tarun has an innate knowledge of the country's economic policies, and has been responsible for shaping key fiscal initiatives of the government of India. His vast experience in administration, management and public policy, will undoubtedly be beneficial to HUL.

In another development, HUL announced key changes to its management committee (MC) and said its beauty and personal care division will transition into dedicated beauty and wellbeing (B&W) and personal care (PC) businesses effective April 1, 2024.

The company said Madhusudhan Rao, Executive Director, B&W and PC has

decided to retire from the company and Harman Dhillon will join the HUL MC as Executive Director, B&W. Besides,

Kartik Chandrasekhar will join the MC as Executive Director, PC. Both will assume their new offices from April 1, 2024, the company said.

Arun Neelakantan will also join the HUL MC as Chief Digital Officer with effect from January 1, 2024.

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