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CENTINELA SOLAR ENERGY MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Endowment Gift for the President's Scholarship Fund

Centinela Solar Energy, LLC, a member of the LS Power Group, is currently constructing a 170 megawatt (AC) photovoltaic solar farm in Imperial Valley, California. The Centinela Solar Energy Facility, to be located on more than 1,600 acres of land, will utilize solar photovoltaic technology to directly convert sunlight to electricity.

In addition to their investment in the renewable energy future of Imperial Valley, LS Power, on behalf of Centinela Solar Energy, has made a commitment to contribute \$50,000 towards establishing an endowment for Imperial Valley College's newly created President's Scholarship. This new scholarship was initiated by Dr. Victor Jaime, IVC's eighth Superintendent/President, with the purpose of offering full tuition and fees scholarships to the top two graduating seniors with the highest GPA's from each of the local Imperial Valley high schools who attend Imperial Valley College. The gift of \$50,000 by Centinela Solar Energy will be placed in an endowment fund that will produce an estimated \$2,000 a year, roughly the annual costs of tuition and fees at IVC.

The IVC Foundation's Director, Todd Evangelist commented that the local community college is very pleased and appreciative of the solar energy company's donation. "The college's faculty and staff along with our students and thousands of alumni are honored that Centinela Solar Energy is making this donation towards scholarships at IVC" commented Evangelist. "For many high school graduates including the top students, IVC is the best option for starting college. Now with this generous donation from Centinela Solar Energy, we will be able to reward the top local students who choose to stay here and attend community college with full-ride scholarships for their first two years" explained the director of the Foundation, which currently administers endowments totaling over \$1.2 million.

In addition to the donation for IVC's President's Scholarship, Centinela Solar Energy has also committed to fund a total of \$135,000 in scholarships over the next three years to students who are enrolled in the Imperial Valley University Partnership (IVUP) program. This joint venture between SDSU – Imperial Valley Campus, Imperial Valley College and the Imperial

County Office of Education is designed to have students co-enroll and attend both IVC and SDSU for their first two years of college. Currently there are over 100 students in the inaugural year of the IVUP program.

The announcement of Centinela Solar Energy's gifts took place on Wednesday, December 5th at the project's ground breaking ceremony in southwest Imperial Valley.

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Imperial Valley College is the area's only community college and with an enrollment of 8,000 students it is the largest educational institution in Imperial County. The three-fold mission of Imperial Valley College is to provide economical access to the first two years of the academic bachelor's degree (i.e. an associate's degree) so that students may transfer to a four year university; provide certificated programs related to job training and workforce development; and to provide basic skills education to Imperial Valley's adult learners. Currently IVC is celebrating 50 years at its current campus and close to 90 years of community college education in Imperial Valley.