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### **Astonfield's Ameet Shah Appointed to Prestigious U.S. Department of Commerce Advisory Committee on Renewable Energy**

NEW YORK – January 23, 2013 – Astonfield Renewables announced today the appointment of Co-Chairman Ameet Shah to the prestigious U.S. Department of Commerce Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (RE&EEAC).

Acting U.S. Secretary of Commerce Rebecca M. Blank appointed Mr. Shah to represent project developers in the renewable energy sector. Mr. Shah will help advise the Department's top official on competitiveness issues facing U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency exports, and help provide consensus advice on the development and administration of programs and policies to expand U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency exports and strengthen the competitiveness of the industry.

"I am deeply honored to have been selected to join the Committee and I look forward to advising Acting Secretary Blank on key issues facing U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency exports so that we may strengthen the competitiveness of this industry," said Shah.

Formed in 2010 during President Obama's first administration, the Committee is made up of approximately 30 individuals representing renewable energy companies, energy efficiency companies, organizations and trade associations. Shah's appointment will be effective through June, 2014.

"As a leading developer of solar PV assets in developing nations and a base of commissioned power plants in India, I believe that the United States has a unique and unrivaled opportunity to supply goods and services to these markets. I hope to provide a deep insight to the Committee on shepherding U.S. companies to tap into this multi-billion dollar export market over the coming years," continued Shah.

Mr. Shah drives the financial and operational strategy at Astonfield. An expert in building companies and executing complex projects, he works with Astonfield's financial, technical and government partners to ensure profitability of each individual project, ultimately leading to successful implementation. Under his leadership, Astonfield has a solid track record in India at forming partnerships with leading international engineering, procurement and construction companies. Mr. Shah is an Economics graduate of Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge. Mr. Shah has mobilized principal and venture capital investments of well over \$150 million in the past 12 years in the United States and India for a number of companies under his association.



#### **About Astonfield Renewable Resources**

Astonfield Renewable Resources Ltd. is a leading provider of affordable renewable energy in<sup>1</sup>

emerging markets. Astonfield develops, owns, and operates a rapidly growing portfolio of utility-scale solar plants. Through strategic partnerships with global technology and finance leaders, Astonfield deploys the world's most advanced, proven renewable energy solutions to power communities in India, Africa, and the Middle East. For more information visit: <http://www.astonfield.com/>.

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