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### **Kansas River Mills Launches Solar Energy Project Site**

PITTSBURGH – At the Kansas River Mills (KRM) annual meeting on October 16, the company announced its expanding use of solar energy to a large portion of the Kansas area. The solar energy project is a part of the Growing Responsibility to the Environment through Energy Networks (GREEN).

GREEN has shown a huge amount of success in prior years but will now be taking a local route to construct a solar energy farm at the Overland Park production facility. The solar energy farm will have 2,800 solar panels used for the project site and taking up 55 acres. The farm location will be located west of Edgerton and the western border between Douglas and Johnson counties.

Oscar Calvin, Kansas River Mills' President and Chief Executive Officer said, "While the work of protecting our planet is never done, we're motivated to continue growing the positive impact of our sustainability efforts at Kansas River Mills. Our company is committed to caring for the communities where we're located and to ensuring those communities stay healthy and vibrant for generations to come."

Not only will the solar energy farm be sustainable but also the areas surrounding it.

Desmon Green, Vice President of Enterprise Sustainability says, "In addition to the positive environmental impacts this solar project will produce, KRM is committed to improving the area around



the solar energy farm. We will plant four acres of native grasses and perennial plants, to partially restore the prairie in northeast Kansas.”

This project will be effective to the local Kansas area.

Jason Thomas, Project Engineer for the Edgerton Solar Farm says, “The Edgerton Energy project will include 2,800 solar photovoltaic panels made from aluminum, semiconductor, and some recyclable materials. These panels are encased in thin layers of plastic to guard them from air and water. They are intended to last close to 30 years.”

Kansas River Mills, established in 1906 and is a paper manufacturing company that believes in sustainability. Their corporate headquarters is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania while their production facility is in Overland Park, Kansas. The company also has added facilities in Oregon and Georgia.

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