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PINE GATE RENEWABLES HOSTS PEONY SOLAR RIBBON CUTTING, DONATES TO FRIENDS OF THE EDISTO

SPRINGFIELD, SC - On May 2, 2019, a large crowd gathered alongside 175,000 solar panels in Springfield, South Carolina to celebrate the newly operational Peony Solar, one of the largest solar farms in the state. Peony's ribbon cutting was an opportunity for Pine Gate Renewables to thank the community and the many stakeholders that welcomed the 57-megawatt solar farm. Joining Pine Gate for the celebration was partner NARENCO and local nonprofit Friends of the Edisto (FRED).

To show the community its appreciation, Pine Gate made a donation to FRED during the ceremony. As an educational nonprofit dedicated to the conservation of the Edisto River Basin, the longest free-flowing blackwater river in America, FRED and Pine Gate share similar goals of conserving natural resources and supporting sustainable economic development in South Carolina.

After hearing from speakers Andrew Giraldo, NARENCO's president, and Ray Shem, Pine Gate's CFO, Hugo Krispyn took the stage to accept the donation on behalf of FRED. "As the advocacy organization for the Edisto watershed, FRED is excited to join forces with Pine Gate Renewables," said Krispyn. "This relationship exemplifies the collaborative approach that is at the heart of our stewardship efforts on behalf of South Carolina's 'Blackwater Jewel', the Edisto River."

Shortly following the ceremony, Pine Gate employees led tours of the facility and provided education on the safe and quiet function of a solar farm. "We all enjoyed the tour and learning about the operations!" said Denise Kemp of U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Photos of the event can be found by contacting Hailey Dolan.

About Pine Gate Renewables

Pine Gate Renewables is a developer, owner, and operator of utility-scale solar farms with 400+ MWs of operational sites across the country. To learn more about Pine Gate and their mission to Get Solar Done, visit www.pgrenewables.com.

About Friends of the Edisto (FRED)

The mission of the Friends of the Edisto is to protect and enhance the natural and cultural character and resources of the Edisto River Basin through conservation and responsible use. To learn more about FRED, or to make a donation, please visit <https://www.edistofriends.org/>.