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# CHECKLIST TESTING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT INTERCONNECTION

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# 1 SCOPE

This document reports the results of the Mechanical Completion inspection.

The inspection consists of visual checks and of the measurement of selected electrical characteristics. Most checks are required with reference to 100% of the installation, some checks and measures with reference to a minimum percentage of 15% of the installation.

At completion of the test, a Test report shall be prepared.

Participants shall take note of inspection checks and measures for their own record. The test engineer of the Applicant / Contractor shall prepare the draft Test Report that will be distributed to the participants for comments and approval.

The present Mechanical Completion inspection is related to testing without interconnection, a further on-site testing phase shall be carried out in the frame of the Final Inspection: the Mechanical Completion test report will be thus become part of the Final Inspection Report.

The checks to be performed in the Mechanical Completion inspection are described in the following paragraphs.

The testing instruments shall be provided by the Applicant / Contractor and have valid calibration certificates in order that valid on-site testing measures can be performed.

### **1.1 PV PLANT AND INSPECTION DATA**

Name of the PV Plant	1	Nominal Power (kW	Location of the Plant			
Type of installation	Rooftop	Flat rooftop	Ground	Pole	BIPV	
Date of the inspection		1				

Name of Test Engineer <sup>(1)</sup>	Affiliation	Licence / Register ID
	Consultant	

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INTERCONNECTION RESULT	REJECTED

Participant	Affiliation	Role		
	Consultant	Designer		
	Consultant	Test engineer		
	Contractor	Installer		
	DEWA	Inspector		

<sup>1</sup> Tests are to be carried out by a licensed engineer

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# 2 TESTING EQUIPMENT

	Test equipment									
Туре	e of measure	Manufacturer	Model	SN	Calibration Certificate	Date of last calibration				
1	DC power									
	Wattmeter									
	DC clamp meter									
2	PV installation test equipme	nt (*)								
	VOC, ISC, insulation resistance (see Sect. 4.2.2)									
3	Solar radiation									
	Reference cell									
4	Cell temperature			1	1					
	Thermocouple / PT100									
5	Checks on PV strings	<u> </u>		1	1	1				
	Inclinometer									
	Digital multimeter									
	Clamp Digital multimeter									
	Insulation resistance and continuity (Megger or equivalent instrument)									

(\*) It is recommended the use of equipment that can perform measurements in accordance to IEC 62446 (e.g. Seward PV150, HT-Instruments PVCHECK, Gossen Metrawatt PROFITEST).

# 3 DOCUMENTS

### 3.1 Reference documents and standards

- [1] DEWA Standards for Distributed Renewable Resources Generators Connected to the Distribution Network
- [2] DEWA Connection Guidelines for Distributed Renewable Resources Generators Connected to the Distribution Network
- [3] DEWA Inspection and Testing Guideline for Distributed Renewable Resources Generators Connected to the Distribution Network

### **3.2 PV plant design documents (Technical dossier)**

A list of documents provided by the Applicant to DEWA will be filled as in the proposed template here below.

#### Data-sheets and catalogues

[1]	
[2]	
[3]	

#### **Technical Reports**

[1]	
[2]	
[3]	

#### Drawings

[1]	
[2]	
[3]	

# 4 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS WITHOUT INTERCONNEC-TION TO THE NETWORK

### 4.1 Mechanical inspections and Tests

#### 4.1.1 PV plant General Assessment

With reference to 100% of the installation, verify the correspondence to the drawings and design documents regarding the quantity, type, sizing, installation and integrity of components and materials. The following checks shall be performed.

	General assessment of RRGU / RRGP								
		Doc. ref.	Result					Ref. to Note	
1	-	of PV plant, separation ication of string layout on s		ОК		NO		N/A	
2		the PV field: within the range of out in the project design		ОК		NO		N/A	
3	Check the tota	I number of modules		OK		NO		N/A	
Follo	wing the verific	ation of the number of modules i	nstalled, the	total p	ower is	equal 1	:o: xx	x.xx kWp	
4	Positioning of	the structures		ОК		NO		N/A	
5	Number and p	osition of the cabins		ОК		NO		N/A	
6	Position of ma	in cable ways		ОК		NO		N/A	
7	Safe access to	the rooftop and Exit plan		ОК		NO		N/A	
8	Condition of th	ne internal roads		ОК		NO		N/A	
9	Drainage work	s and / or rainwater drainage		ОК		NO		N/A	
10	Cleanliness of	the modules		ОК		NO		N/A	
Barriers and fences (path, type) and segregation of hazardous areas			ОК		NO		N/A		
12	Availability of warning signs (e.g. "WARNING DUAL SUPPLY")			ОК		NO		N/A	
13	Availability of single line diagram and PV modules layout in the cabin			ОК		NO		N/A	
		1							
	Note:	2							
		3							

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#### 4.1.2 Civil Works

The Inspections listed below will involve the competent Authority/Entity (i.e. Dubai Municipality, Trakhees, Etihad, Esco etc.). A provisional description of the Inspection is given only to make the Applicant aware of the kind of checks that may be performed.

	Civil works									
			Doc. ref.			Re	sult			Ref. to Note
1	Foundations (s deterioration c	state, breakage, of the surface)		ОК		NO		N/A		
2	Structural align tolerances set	nments: within the by design		ОК		NO		N/A		
3	Placement of in foundations ar	nserts and holes in nd precast		ОК		NO		N/A		
4	General conditions of the cabins and related foundations			ОК		NO		N/A		
5	Waterproofing of the cabins			ОК		NO		N/A		
6		and ingress protection of mounting system to the		ОК		NO		N/A		
7	Access doors o	of the cabins		ОК		NO		N/A		
8	8 Ventilation grills / air conditioning of the cabins			ОК		NO		N/A		
9	9 Integrity and layout of cableways / conduits			ОК		NO		N/A		
		1								
	Note:	2								
		3							-	

#### 4.1.3 Support Structures

The Inspections listed below will involve the competent Authority/Entity (i.e. Dubai Municipality, Trakhees, Etihad, Esco etc.). A provisional description of the Inspection is given only to make the Applicant aware of the kind of checks that may be performed.

	Support Structures									
			Doc. ref.			Res	sult			Ref. to Note
1	1 Mounting of supporting structures and of fixation elements			ОК		NO		N/A		
2	<ul> <li>Condition of the components (damages,</li> <li>defects, weld quality, loss of galvanic</li> <li>protection, corrosion)</li> </ul>			ОК		NO		N/A		
3	<ul> <li>Planarity of the PV modules supporting structures (arrows, sags)</li> </ul>			OK		NO		N/A		
4	Inclination of F tolerances set	V modules: within the in the design		ОК		NO		N/A		
5	Bolts and tight to design (sam	ening torque corresponding ple check)		OK		NO		N/A		
6	6 Support structures and fasteners are suitable to weather conditions and compatible with other materials to prevent corrosion			OK		NO		N/A		
		1								
	Note:	2								
		3								

#### 4.1.4 Photovoltaic Modules

		Pho	otovoltaic mo	dules				
Visua	l inspection of F	V modules	Doc. ref.		Res	ult		Ref. to Note
1		egrity of the modules (faults, incomplete assembly)		ОК	NO		N/A	
2	Integrity functional parts of the modules (delamination, discoloration, dirt, etc.)			ОК	NO		N/A	
3	Labeling of mo	dules		ОК	NO		N/A	
4	Fixation syster	n		ОК	NO		N/A	
5	5 Bolts and tightening torques corresponding to design (on a sample basis)			ОК	NO		N/A	
6	No growing tre module	ees or bushes shadow any PV		ОК	NO		N/A	
Quali	ty of cabling		Doc. ref.		Res	ult		Ref. to Note
7	Tightening of a	cable glands		ОК	NO		N/A	
8		ation of DC cables (clamps, olds too narrow, etc.).		ОК	NO		N/A	
9	Assembly and crimping of plug-in connectors			ОК	NO		N/A	
10	10 Plug-in connectors do not touch the ground or the roof surface			ОК	NO		N/A	
		1						
	Note: 2							
		3						

### 4.2 Inspections without interconnection

#### 4.2.1 Electrical equipment

	Electrical equipment										
			Doc. ref.			Ref. to Note					
1	0	d fixation of string combiner ection of PV strings		ОК		NO		N/A			
2	Installation of sheaths string	raceways and/or cable		ОК		NO		N/A			
3	-	the cabins of the equipment: sformers, switchgear, etc.		ОК		NO		N/A			
4	Mechanical int (e.g. faults, bre	egrity of the said equipment eaks)		ОК		NO		N/A			
5		nectors on DC side visible (all buildings, switch position esign)		ОК		NO		N/A			
6	point) to disco	note control (manual call nnect a portion of PV plant higher hazard buildings, min. ove floor)		ОК		NO		N/A			
		1									
	Note:	2									
		3									

#### 4.2.2 Protection of Assembled Components (IP degree)

	Protection of assembled components (IP degree) Check the fulfilment of the design prescriptions											
			Doc. ref.			Re	sult			Ref. to Note		
1	IP degree of ec boxes, etc.	quipment, string combiner		ОК		NO		N/A				
2	Installation of boxes, etc.	equipment, string combiner		ОК		NO		N/A				
3		cable glands and connectors above equipment		ОК		NO		N/A				
4	Positioning of metallic cablew	cable ducts / conduits on vays / ladders		ОК		NO		N/A				
5	(polyurethane	visions against rodents foam to obstruct inlets of f cabins) and insects (anti-		ОК		NO		N/A				
6	Labeling of cat equipment	bles, cable ducts and		ОК		NO		N/A				
		1										
Note	:	2										
		3										

With reference to 100% of the installation, check the fulfilment of the design prescriptions.

#### 4.2.3 String Combiner Boxes (DC string connections and AC auxiliary services)

With reference to a percentage of the installed plant, ranging between the 15% and the 20%, check compliance of labels (cables, terminal blocks, and connectors) with drawings and design documents. Check the cables are tightened in their respective terminals.

	String combiner boxes (DC string connections and AC auxiliary services)											
			Doc. ref.			Res	sult			Ref. to Note		
1	Execution of w according to ca	iring and cable labeling able lists		ОК		NO		N/A				
2	cables (UV res	ion area and the type of istant, waterproof, etc.) fully e design documents		ОК		NO		N/A				
3	-	ecuted with a minimum open o reduce the risk of lightning e surges		ОК		NO		N/A				
4	cables (includir	DC cables and control ng AC auxiliary services if o their respective clamp		ОК		NO		N/A				
5	Route of signal combiner boxe	l cables among the string s		OK		NO		N/A				
6	circuit breakers	haracteristics of DC s, disconnect switches, and neck their functionality		ОК		NO		N/A				
7	Quantity and c arresters	haracteristics of surge		ОК		NO		N/A				
8	Assembly and	wiring of blocking diodes		ОК		NO		N/A				
	Note:	1 2 3			/		-					

#### 4.2.4 Electrical Power Connections in Substations and Electrical Rooms

With reference to 100% of the installation, check compliance of labels (cables, terminal blocks, and connectors) with drawings and design documents. Check the cables are tightened in their respective terminals.

	Electrical power conne	ctions in subs	tations	and el	ectrica	l room	s		
		Doc. ref.	. ref. Result						
1	Execution of wiring according to cable lists (sample check)		ОК		NO		N/A		
2	Labeling of trays and cables according to cable lists (sample check)		ОК		NO		N/A		
3	LV and MV switchgears: check termination of LV and MV cables and control that all cables are tightened into their respective clamp terminals		ОК		NO		N/A		
4	LV and MV switchgears: quantity and characteristics of breakers, isolators and protections. Check their functionality		ОК		NO		N/A		
5	Inverter connected according to design		ОК		NO		N/A		
6	Systems for air conditioning and/or ventilation according to design		ОК		NO		N/A		
7	Connection of switchgears according to design		ОК		NO		N/A		
8	Connection of LV / MV transformers according to design		ОК		NO		N/A		
Note:	1         2         3								

#### 4.2.5 Bonding and Earthing System

		Bondi	ng and earth	ning sys	stem			
			Doc. ref.		Ref. to Note			
1	according to d	m of PV plant installed esign; check bonding nd connection to terminals of earthing grid		ОК		NO	N/A	
2	performance o periodical verif	f correct execution / f main earthing grid (assess fication tests of earth ording to local rules)		ОК		NO	N/A	
3	Connections to applicable	DEWA earthing network, if		ОК		NO	N/A	
4	0	uctors terminate in the ar of the DRRG system		ОК		NO	N/A	
5	Earthing busba local earthing	ar is properly bonded with the of the site		ОК		NO	N/A	
6		arth connection of main earthing busbar		OK		NO	N/A	
7	aluminum stru (copper-alumi	earthing copper cables to ctures via proper connectors num, tin plated copper, ) to prevent corrosion from als		ОК		NO	N/A	
		1						
Note	:	2						
		3						

With reference to 100% of the installation, do the following checks.

#### 4.2.6 Connections to earthing system of metal structures / equipment

With reference to 100% of the installation, check the connections to the terminals and the earthing grid.

		Connections to earthi	ng system of	metal	structi	ures /	equipm	ient	
			Doc. ref.			Re	sult		Ref. to Note
1	continuity of the of metal support of metal support of the other support of the other section	d test of the electrical he grounding connections ort structures and other t least two points of each ure shall be connected to ystem)		ОК		NO		N/A	
2	to the pre-drill marked with a	onductors are connected ed holes of PV modules n earthing sign and proper material to avoid		ОК		NO		N/A	
3	PV modules fra supporting str	ctrical continuity of the ames (if any) with the ucture or installation and g and earthing conductors s frames		ОК		NO		N/A	
4	conductors on the removal of	ling and earthing PV modules frames any PV module(s) does se the continuity of the sem		ОК		NO		N/A	
5	continuity of the of surge arrest	d test of the electrical he grounding connections ers d test of the electrical		OK		NO		N/A	
6	-	he grounding connections and switchgear in the		ОК		NO		N/A	
7	Installation of of MV cable sh	the grounding connection iields		ОК		NO		N/A	
8		revision of the Lightning tem (LPS) according to		OK		NO		N/A	
		1	-						
	Note:	2	-						
		3							

## 4.3 Tests without interconnection

#### 4.3.1 Insulation of LV connections DC and AC

The measurements are collected in Annex 1

	<b>Insulatio</b> Protection devices and electronic ed disconnected d		might b	e affec	ted by t	t voltag	ge shall	be
		Doc. ref.			Ref. to Note			
1	Test insulation of DC circuits, including clamps and terminals (max. 1000 VDC for 1 min.)		ОК		NO	N/A		
2	Check Insulation resistance of DC circuits higher than 1 M $\Omega$ (including clamps and terminals). Check Insulation resistance of PV strings higher than 5 M $\Omega$ (2 M $\Omega$ in the case of moisture on PV modules)		ОК		NO	N/A		
3	Test insulation of AC circuits, including clamps and terminals (max. 1000 VDC for 1 min.)		OK		NO			
4	Check insulation resistance is higher than 1 $M\Omega$ for DC circuits including clamps and terminals		ОК		NO	N/A		
Note:	1 2	_						
	3							

#### 4.3.2 Measurements on PV strings

The measurements are collected in Annex 2

Prot	Measurements on PV strings – Summary of test results Protection devices and electronic equipment that might be affected by the test voltage shall be disconnected during the performance of the measures.											
			Doc. ref.	Result Ref. to No								
1	Measure each (inverter switc	single string voltage VOC hed off)		ОК		NO		N/A				
2	Measure each (inverter switc		ОК		NO		N/A					
3	Insulation test circuited array of insulation re of each string: (2ΜΩ in wet c		ОК		NO		N/A					
	Note:	1 2 3			۱.							

#### 4.3.3 Calibration of protections (Interface Protection)

The Interface Protection(s) usually comes with predefined settings from factory. However it is required that settings are checked on-site, if necessary the said settings shall be adjusted.

		Calibrati	on of protectio	ns (Int	erface	Protec	tion)		
			Doc. ref.			Ref. to Note			
1		uired – the thresholds of I protective devices		ОК		NO		N/A	
2	intervention of Protection(s) t	ings and the correct f the Interface hrough simulated tests he equipment described		ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
				ОК		NO		N/A	
		1					<u>×</u>	. :	
	Note:	2							
		3							

# ANNEX 1 – INSULATION TESTS

Operat	Operational note											
1.	Test performed between each cable positive or negative and earth, test voltage maximum 1000Vdc for 1 minute.											
2.	Insulation resistance for acceptance of test result 1 $\mbox{M}\Omega.$											
3.	Insulation tests can be done also on short-circuited string as mentioned in ANNEX 2.											

	Insulation tests											
Cable ID	Connection (from / to)	Test time [hh:mm]	Insulation resistance [Mohm]	Test result	Ref. Note							
				ОК 🗌 NО 🗌								
				ОК 🗌 NО 🗌								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
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				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ОК NО								
				ок 🗌 NO 🗌								
				ОК NО								
		<u> </u>			1							
Note:												

# ANNEX 2 – TESTS ON PV STRINGS

#### PV string open circuit voltage measurements

Operat	Operational notes (See Figure 1 in Annex 2)				
1.	Solar irradiance ≥ 600 W/m2 on PV module surface				
2.	String voltage measured in open circuit, inverter switched off.				
3.	Measure strings connected in parallel (e.g. to same combiner box) so that possible changes of solar radiation are minimized.				
4.	For strings connected in parallel (e.g. to same combiner box) evaluate percentage difference of each measure from average (Voc_ave_strings).				
5.	Check strings that show differences larger than ± 5%.				

#### PV string short-circuit current measurements

Operat	ional notes (See Figure 2 in Annex 2)
1.	Solar irradiance ≥ 600 W/m2 on PV module surface
2.	Measure short-circuited strings, downstream e.g. the DC disconnect of combiner box, inverter switched off.
3.	Test each single short-circuited string, other strings in open. Before each new test open the DC disconnect, disconnect the last tested string and connect the following string to be tested. Finally close the DC disconnect, and test.
4.	Measure strings connected in parallel (e.g. to same combiner box) so that possible changes of solar radiation are minimized.
5.	For strings connected in parallel (e.g. to same combiner box) evaluate percentage difference of each measure from average (Voc_ave_strings).
6.	Check strings that show differences larger than $\pm$ 5%.
NOT	FE: In case of DC disconnector embedded in the inverter, an external circuit shall be used. The safe connection/ disconnection between (+) and (-) poles is thus made by means of a proper switch-disconnector

#### Test insulation between earth and short-circuited strings

Operat	tional notes
1.	Measure short-circuited strings, downstream e.g. the DC disconnect of combiner box, inverter switched off.
2.	Test each single short-circuited string, other strings in open. Apply the test voltage maximum 1000Vdc for 1 minute between earth and short-circuited string. Before each new test open the DC disconnect, disconnect the last tested string and connect the following string to be tested. Finally close the DC disconnect, and test.
3.	Surge protective devices shall be disconnected before testing.
4.	Insulation resistance for acceptance of test result 5 M $\Omega$ in dry conditions (2 M $\Omega$ in wet conditions).

### Report of detailed test results

Combiner Box	Start Time	Stop Time	Start Time	Stop Time	Start Time	Stop Tim
	Voltage		Current		Insulation resistance	
String	VOC [V]	Difference between VOC_ ave [%]	ISC [A]	Difference between ISC_ ave [%]	[ΜΩ]	Resistanc test result
1						ок 🗌
2						ок 🗌
3						ок 🗌
4						ок [
5						ок [
6						ок
7						ок
8						ОК
9						ок
10						ок
11						ок [
12						ок [
13						ок [
14						ОК
15						
16						
Voc	D.d.	ltot_strings				
VOC_a	ve[V]	ISC_ave [A]				

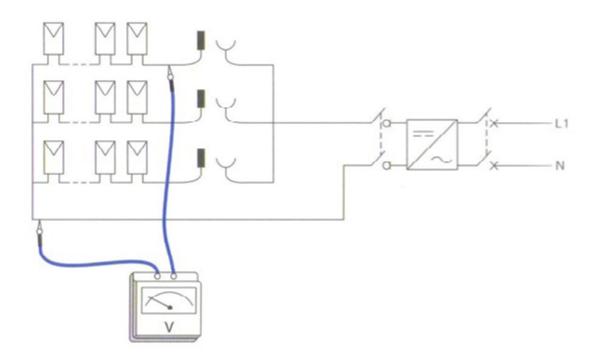
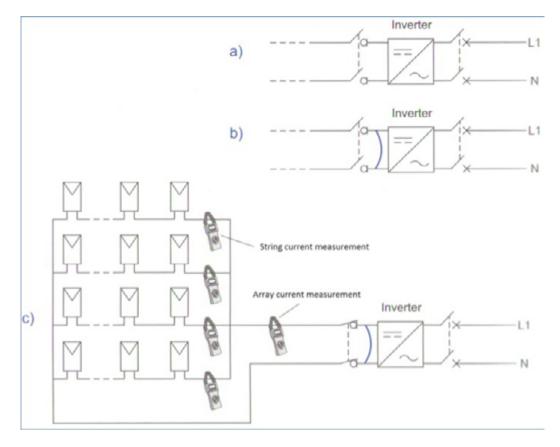


Figure 1 – Measurement of the open-circuit voltage of a string



- a) Circuit-break the inverter upstream and downstream
- b) Short-circuit the terminals not powered of the circuit-breaker upstream the inverter
- c) Close the circuit-breaker upstream the inverter and measure the current by means of a DC current clamp

#### Figure 2 – Procedure for the measurements of the current of strings and array:



