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Cheddar Opening Bell - Interview with Kristen Scholer and Sumant Sinha

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Kristen Scholer: Welcome back to Cheddar's Opening Bell, everyone. ReNew Energy, formerly known as ReNew Power, is going public through a special purpose acquisition company known as a SPAC, in a deal valued at \$8 billion. Backed by Goldman Sachs, the company is India's biggest renewable energy producer, and has goals of expanding operations in India as well as China. The merger with RMG Acquisition Corp. II has the company currently trading with the ticker RMGB until the merger is expected to close in the second quarter.

Take a look, these shares stand up about 0.5% today. And for more on this, we are joined by Sumant Sinha, founder, chair and CEO at ReNew Energy, joining us all the way from New Delhi, India. Sumant, it's great to have you with us this morning.

Why did you want to take this company public over here in the U.S.?

Sumant Sinha: Well, you know, the U.S. is of course the deepest capital market in the world and, therefore, always a good place to list in. Secondly, also what's happening is the trend of investing in energy stocks where global investors who are looking at sustainability, clean energy stocks, are very interested in investing in companies like ours. And so we thought it would be a very opportune thing for us to do, which is to tap the deepest, best market for us to eventually list in. So that's why the decision to go to the U.S. market.

Kristen Scholer: We see a lot of focus on new investor energy in the space. Obviously, Goldman Sachs, a major backer of yours, can't get much bigger than that. \$8 billion valuation, Sumant. Explain the growth trajectory from here. Obviously, you have a presence in India, but looking to expand in China as well. What can you tell us?

Sumant Sinha: Yeah. So, you know, we are a company that started 10 years ago. We own and operate wind farms and solar farms all across India. We have more than 100 such sites. We have about 5500 megawatts of commission capacity currently, and we are constructing another 4500 megawatts, which makes us the largest company in India. We have close to about a tenth of the market share of the Indian renewable energy market.

And let me just take a step back and say that the Indian power market is actually the third largest market in the world, after China and the U.S. And renewable energy in India is slated for some fairly massive growth over the next 10 years. Today, we have about 90,000 megawatts of installed renewable capacity, and that has started it to grow almost 5 times to 450,000 in the next 10 years.

Today, renewables has become the cheapest form of energy. And, therefore, as we look to India's fairly significant power demand growth in the next several years, renewables is the most obvious choice for meeting that power requirement. And so that's why I think our company is very well placed to grow and capitalize on this opportunity.

Kristen Scholer: Sumant, we know that India is the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases here in the U.S. When we look at it on a--in the world, when we look at a country-by-country basis, has the government been working with you at all in your initiatives in India?

Sumant Sinha: Look, the government actually is very serious of this issue and, therefore, our commitments under the Paris Climate Accord are very good actually. You know, the government has set the target to increase renewables to 5 times of its current capacity by 2030. So the government is actually being very sensitive to the issue of climate change in India, and is really moving very rapidly in that direction to try to bring down India's carbon emissions as much as possible.

Now, is it enough? Do we need to do more? Sure, we need to do more because I think every country needs to do more. This is a very urgent and pressing problem for everybody in the world, and I think all countries need to do whatever they can. And so is India, and that is why companies like ours in sectors like renewable energy are so critical for the future of this whole problem of climate change.

Kristen Scholer: Certainly, definitely a hot sector here that we see a lot of investors focusing on, including some of the biggest ones like we mentioned. When it comes to expansion, China's on your horizon. What about elsewhere? Is the U.S. a potential market for you?

Sumant Sinha: You know, we are actually quite focused on the Indian market for the time being, because the Indian market is growing so rapidly. By 2030, India's going to be a bigger energy market than the entire European Union. So that gives you a sense of the scale of the market that we're operating in.

And being market leaders here really makes us eventually one of the biggest companies in the world in this sector. So I think we have our hands full right now of capitalizing on the opportunity in India, so that's going to be our immediate focus. We could look at opportunities outside of the country as well, but that's a little bit ways down the road, I would imagine.

Kristen Scholer: Sumant Sinha, he's the founder, chair and CEO at ReNew Energy, joining us all the way from New Delhi, India. Sumant, thank you so much. We appreciate it. Congratulations on the deal.

And viewers, do not forget to tune in every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time to watch Cheddar Climate, our show dedicated to all things Earth.

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