# TUV India – Solar PV Plant Assessment using Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (DRONE)





# **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Assessment**

A drone, in a technological context, is an unmanned aerial vehicle. Essentially, a drone is a flying robot. The aircrafts may be remotely controlled and can fly autonomously through software-controlled flight plans in their embedded systems working in conjunction with on-board sensors and GPS. Drone inspection is accurate, safer and quicker.

#### **Drone Assessment in Solar PV Plant**

With a lot of technological advancement and continuous research, the emphasis lies on making solar power plant more cost effective, rolling out the project in a time-bound manner to ensure quick return on investment. Thus the application of a drone for Solar PV Power Project like assessment of design, site assessment, construction, operations & maintenance of Solar Power Plants is playing a very critical role and in a way revolutionizing the overall project approach and implementation.

#### TUV India's UAV based services

#### Site assessment

UAV used for the assessing the site for terrain conditions, topographical survey, drainage survey, high and low of land flooding, obstacles, boundary layout marking, shaded free areas.

# Assessment during construction of the projects

Dimensions of the pile foundation, module mounting depth of trench, pile foundation & alignment / tilt angle, Dimension Module Mounting structure (MMS) and diagonal distance measurements, inverter room and polling substation coordinates and allied assessments.

# Assessment after the construction of the project

Validation of the projects of lay out string and array a nd MMS, Cable trench, Transformer and Transmission line and visual inspection of PV modules including entire plant.



# Operational & Maintenance assessment using Infrared Camera

Assessment of the degradation of PV modules (hotspots, cracks), aging, malfunction, breakdown, AC / DC cable & inverter transformer thermal image and related assessments

### **Customers:**

- Solar Projects Developers
- Independent Power Producers
- Bankers
- EPC contractor

#### **Benefits to Customers:**

- Assessment of the suitability of the site
- Reliable data of the equipment, installation, operational maintenance and performance
- Time saving
- Cost Saving

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