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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Tillbridge Solar Ltd (hereafter referred to as ‘the Applicant’) is seeking consent for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Tillbridge Solar Project (hereafter referred to as the ‘Scheme’). This will require an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO), which has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, with the decision of whether to grant a DCO being made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).
- 1.1.2 This Funding Statement has been prepared by the Applicant. It forms part of the Application for a DCO that has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Secretary of State) under section 37 of the PA 2008.

1.2 Scheme Description

- 1.2.1 The Scheme will comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance), and decommissioning of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays. The Scheme will also include associated development to support the solar PV arrays.
- 1.2.2 The Scheme is made up of the Principal Site, the Cable Route Corridor and works to the existing National Grid Cottam Substation. The Principal Site comprises the solar PV arrays, electrical substations, grid balancing infrastructure, cabling and areas for landscaping and ecological enhancement.
- 1.2.3 The associated development element of the Scheme includes but is not limited to access provision; a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), to support the operation of the ground mounted solar PV arrays; the development of on-site substations; underground cabling between the different areas of solar PV arrays; and areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement.
- 1.2.4 The Scheme also includes a 400kV underground Cable Route Corridor of approximately 18.5km in length connecting the Principal Site to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) at the existing National Grid Cottam Substation. The Scheme will export and import electricity to the NETS.
- 1.2.5 A full description of the Scheme is included in **Chapter 3: Scheme Description** of the Environmental Statement [EN010142/APP/6.1]. An overview of the Scheme and its environmental impacts is provided in the Environmental Statement **Non-Technical Summary** [EN010142/APP/6.4].
- 1.2.6 The Scheme qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and will require a DCO to be granted from the Secretary of State, due to its generating capacity exceeding 50 MW.

1.3 The Purpose and Structure of this Document

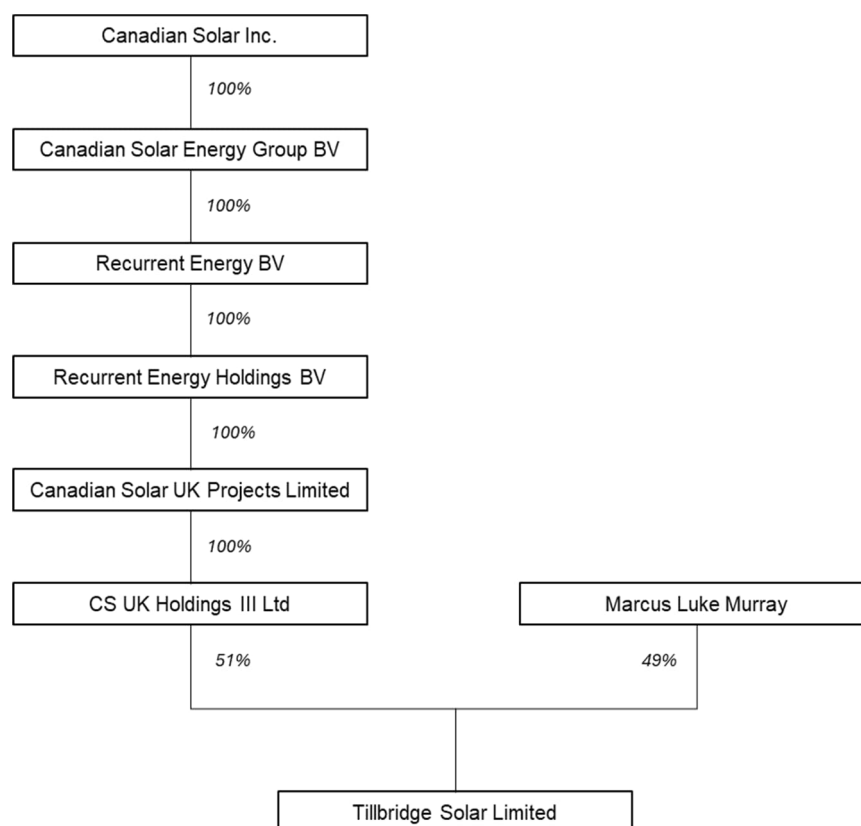
- 1.3.1 This Statement has been produced pursuant to Regulation 5(2)(h) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the APFP 2009) and the Department of Communities and Local Government guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land' (September 2013) (the Guidance).
- 1.3.2 This Statement is required because the DCO sought for the Scheme would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land or interests in land. This gives rise to the requirement under Regulation 5(2)(h) of the APFP 2009 for the Applicant to provide a statement indicating how the DCO containing these powers is proposed to be funded.
- 1.3.3 This Statement is one of several documents accompanying the Application and submitted to the Secretary of State and should be read in conjunction with those documents. They include principally the **Statement of Reasons [EN010124/APP4.1]**.

2. Funding

2.1 Corporate Structure

- 2.1.1 Tillbridge Solar Ltd is the Applicant for the Application. It is a company registered in England and Wales under company number 12887594.
- 2.1.2 The majority shareholder in the Applicant, holding 51% of the shares and voting rights, is CS UK Holdings III Limited (company number 10909660) which is a company registered in England and Wales (together with its affiliates referred to herein as Recurrent Energy). Recurrent Energy is a subsidiary of Canadian Solar UK Projects Limited with the ultimate parent company being Canadian Solar Inc. which is a publicly traded company listed on NASDAQ. The ownership structure of Recurrent Energy is included in **Figure 1** below.
- 2.1.3 The minority shareholder in the Applicant, holding 49% of the shares and voting rights, is Marcus Luke Murray, a majority shareholder and director of Tribus Clean Energy Limited, company number 11494471, which is also a company registered in England and Wales (Tribus). Tribus is the developer and day to day manager of the development of the Scheme, alongside Recurrent Energy, the funder. The corporate structure of Tillbridge Solar Limited is outlined in **Plate 1** below.

Plate 1: Corporate Structure



2.2 Scheme Costs

2.2.1 The current capital cost estimate for the Scheme is approximately £700 million. This estimate covers all aspects of the Scheme and has been arrived at by including construction costs, preparation costs, supervision costs, land acquisition costs, equipment purchase, installation, commissioning and power export. The estimate also includes an allowance for inflation and project contingencies. The costs of decommissioning is not covered in the above figure. That is because there is an obligation on the Applicant, through the agreements it has reached with landowners, to create a form of security during the operational phase of the Scheme in order to ensure there are funds available for decommissioning in accordance with the terms of the proposed DCO.

2.3 Scheme Funding

2.3.1 The Applicant is funded by Recurrent Energy in accordance with an agreement between Recurrent Energy and Tribus. The costs of promoting the Application is the responsibility of Recurrent Energy. The costs of constructing and maintaining the Scheme will be funded by Recurrent Energy. Recurrent Energy has sufficient funds to implement the Scheme (including compulsory acquisition compensation costs). The Applicant has appended at **Appendix A**, Canadian Solar Inc's latest financial results, being Q4 2023 and at **Appendix B**, extracts from Canadian Solar Inc's Annual Report from 2022, to demonstrate that Canadian Solar Inc has the adequate funding for the Scheme.

2.3.2 Recurrent Energy and Tribus have significant experience of promoting solar farms in the UK.

Recurrent Energy

2.3.3 Recurrent Energy was launched in April 2023 as the rebranded subsidiary development and services arm of parent company Canadian Solar, founded in 2001 and one of the world's largest solar technology and renewable energy companies. Recurrent Energy has developed, built and connected over 9 GW across 6 continents, with 6 GW of projects in operation, and an additional 25 GW of solar and 47 GWh of battery storage projects in the pipeline.

2.3.4 Recurrent Energy is one of the most bankable companies in the solar and renewable energy industry, having been publicly listed on the NASDAQ since 2006, with a mission to foster sustainable development and create a better, cleaner earth for future generations by generating electricity from the sun.

2.3.5 Recurrent Energy has a strong track record having developed and built dozens of projects in the UK including Christchurch Solar Farm (Dorset), Bobbing Solar Farm (Kent) and Ballygarvey Solar Farm (Co. Antrim).

Tribus Clean Energy

2.3.6 Tribus Clean Energy specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 GW and a pipeline of over three GWh of BESS. Tribus is a privately held company, founded in 2018.

- 2.3.7 Tribus believes that climate change is the defining environmental issue of our time. To mitigate and adapt for the worst effects, a transition to a low-carbon economy must be implemented rapidly.

2.4 Land Acquisition and Blight

- 2.4.1 The delivery of the Scheme requires the acquisition of land or rights (including the creation of rights and the imposition of restrictions) in, under, over land, and the temporary possession of land.
- 2.4.2 As set out in the **Statement of Reasons [EN010124/APP4.1]**, the Applicant has already secured a number of voluntary agreements over the Order Land. However, compulsory acquisition powers are required to ensure that the Scheme can proceed without impediment.
- 2.4.3 Should any claims for blight arise because of the Application, Recurrent Energy has access to sufficient funds to meet the cost of acquiring these interests at whatever stage they are served. However, the Applicant has not identified any interests which it considers could be eligible to serve a blight notice.
- 2.4.4 The estimate of costs for the Scheme of £700 million provided at 2.2.1 above includes the sum of £53 million to cover the compensation payable in respect of any compulsory acquisition included in the DCO and required for the Scheme. This estimate comprises £41.8 million for the Principal Site and £11.2 million for the Cable Route Corridor and includes a buffer should these costs be greater. This estimate has been arrived at by the Applicant and informed by the considerable experience that its group companies have in bringing forward solar projects to operation. It is unlikely the full estimates for compulsory acquisition will be required given existing voluntary agreements in place.

2.5 Security for Compensation

- 2.5.1 The **draft DCO [EN010124/APP/3.1]** also includes an Article preventing the exercise of the compulsory acquisition powers until the Secretary of State has approved a form of security from the Applicant.

Appendix A: Canadian Solar Incorporated Financial Results Q4 2023

Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2023 Highlights

- 26% increase in solar module shipments year-over-year ("yoy") to 8.2 GW, above guidance range of 7.6 GW to 8.1 GW.
- Record full year solar module shipments of 30.7 GW by CSI Solar, a 45% increase yoy.
- Record full year revenues of \$7.6 billion.
- Record full year net income attributable to Canadian Solar of \$274 million, or \$3.87 per diluted share.
- Record 63 GWh of e-STORAGE pipeline, of which \$2.6 billion is contracted backlog, as of January 31, 2024.
- Secured a \$500 million investment in Recurrent Energy from BlackRock.

Fourth Quarter 2023 Results

Total module shipments recognized as revenues in the fourth quarter of 2023 were 8.2 GW, up 26% yoy and down 2% qoq. Of the total, 47 MW were shipped to the Company's own utility-scale solar power projects.

Net revenues in the fourth quarter of 2023 decreased 8% qoq and 14% yoy to \$1.7 billion. The sequential decrease primarily reflects a decline in module average selling price ("ASP"), a decline in solar module shipment volume, and lower projects sales, partially offset by higher battery energy storage solutions sales.

Gross profit in the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$213 million, down 31% qoq and 39% yoy. Gross margin in the fourth quarter of 2023 was 12.5%, compared to 16.7% in the third quarter of 2023. The gross margin decline was primarily caused by lower module ASPs and an inventory write-down, partially offset by lower manufacturing costs and a higher margin contribution from battery energy storage solutions sales. Total operating expenses in the fourth quarter of 2023 were \$213 million, compared to \$225 million in the third quarter of 2023 and \$213 million in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Depreciation and amortization charges in the fourth quarter of 2023 were \$89 million, compared to \$76 million in the third quarter of 2023 and \$50 million in the fourth quarter of 2022. The sequential increase was primarily driven by the Company's continued investment in vertical integration and incremental capacity expansion. Net interest expense in the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$18 million, compared to \$11 million in the third quarter of 2023 and \$11 million in the fourth quarter of 2022. The sequential increase in net interest expense was attributable to increased financing and comparatively lower interest income.

Net foreign exchange and derivative gain in the fourth quarter of 2023 was less than \$1 million, compared to a net loss of \$17 million in the third quarter of 2023 and a net loss of \$15 million in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Net loss attributable to Canadian Solar in the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$1 million, or \$0.02 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$22 million, or \$0.32 per

diluted share, in the third quarter of 2023, and net income of \$78 million, or \$1.11 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Net cash flow provided by operating activities in the fourth quarter of 2023 was \$190 million, compared to \$158 million in the third quarter of 2023. The sequential increase in operating cash flow primarily resulted from reduced inventories and increased other payables.

Total debt was \$3.6 billion as of December 31, 2023, including \$1.9 billion, \$1.5 billion, and \$0.2 billion related to CSI Solar, Recurrent Energy, and convertible notes respectively. Total debt increased as compared to \$3.3 billion as of September 30, 2023 due to incremental borrowings for working capital and additional vertical integration for CSI Solar, and new project development for Recurrent Energy.

Appendix B: Canadian Solar Incorporated Annual Report 2022 – Illustrative Extracts

The consolidated financial statement extracts below are taken from the independently audited Canadian Solar Incorporated Annual Report 2022 and are for illustrative purposes only.

The full report, including the accompanying notes that are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements, are available on the Canadian Solar Inc website.

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars, except share data)	
ASSETS		
(Including balances in variable interest entities, see Note 10)		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	869,831	981,434
Restricted cash	560,633	978,116
Accounts receivable trade, net	651,372	970,950
Accounts receivable, unbilled	37,244	57,770
Amounts due from related parties	73,042	48,614
Inventories	1,192,374	1,524,095
Value added tax recoverable	125,882	158,773
Advances to suppliers, net	225,879	253,484
Derivative assets	7,286	17,516
Project assets	594,107	385,964
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	434,177	267,941
Total current assets	4,771,827	5,644,657
Restricted cash	3,818	9,953
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,401,877	1,826,643
Solar power systems, net	108,263	364,816
Deferred tax assets, net	236,503	229,226
Advances to suppliers, net	34,239	65,352
Investments in affiliates	98,819	115,784
Intangible assets, net	18,992	17,530
Project assets	433,254	438,529
Right-of-use assets	106,297	103,600
Amounts due from related parties	—	33,489
Other non-current assets	174,453	187,549
TOTAL ASSETS	7,388,342	9,037,128
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
(Including balances in variable interest entities, see Note 10)		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	1,592,870	1,443,816
Accounts payable	502,995	805,300
Short-term notes payable	881,184	1,493,399
Amounts due to related parties	143	89
Other payables	667,854	853,040
Advances from customers	135,512	334,943
Derivative liabilities	2,622	25,359
Operating lease liabilities	12,185	9,810
Other current liabilities	242,783	293,012
Total current liabilities	4,038,148	5,258,768
Long-term borrowings	523,634	813,406
Convertible notes	224,675	225,977
Liability for uncertain tax positions	7,448	5,730
Deferred tax liabilities	48,150	66,630
Loss contingency accruals	15,148	5,000
Operating lease liabilities	23,215	25,714
Financing liabilities	53,641	—
Other non-current liabilities	327,845	329,209
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,261,904	6,730,434
Commitments and contingencies (Note 21)		
Equity:		
Common shares – no par value: unlimited authorized shares, 64,022,678 and 64,506,055 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and 2022, respectively	835,543	835,543
Additional paid-in capital	(19,428)	1,127
Retained earnings	1,035,552	1,275,520
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(50,584)	(170,551)
Total Canadian Solar Inc. shareholders' equity	1,801,083	1,941,639
Non-controlling interests	325,355	365,055
TOTAL EQUITY	2,126,438	2,306,694
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	7,388,342	9,037,128

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2020	2021	2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars, except share and per share data)		
Net revenues	3,476,495	5,277,169	7,468,610
Cost of revenues	2,786,581	4,367,857	6,205,474
Gross profit	689,914	909,312	1,263,136
Operating expenses:			
Selling and distribution expenses	224,243	398,650	558,926
General and administrative expenses	225,597	308,942	342,129
Research and development expenses	45,167	58,407	69,822
Other operating income, net	(25,523)	(47,068)	(63,802)
Total operating expense	469,484	718,931	907,075
Income from operations	220,430	190,381	356,061
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(71,874)	(58,153)	(74,266)
Interest income	9,306	11,051	40,615
Gain (loss) on change in fair value of derivatives, net	50,001	23,785	(44,489)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(64,820)	(47,234)	77,689
Investment income (loss), net	(8,559)	18,634	858
Total other income (expense)	(85,946)	(51,917)	407
Income before income taxes and equity in earnings of affiliates	134,484	138,464	356,468
Income tax benefit (expense)	1,983	(35,844)	(73,353)
Equity in earnings of affiliates	10,779	7,256	15,440
Net income	147,246	109,876	298,555
Less: net income attributable to non-controlling interests	543	14,628	58,587
Net income attributable to Canadian Solar Inc.	146,703	95,248	239,968
Earnings per share — basic	\$ 2.46	\$ 1.55	\$ 3.73
Shares used in computation — basic	59,575,898	61,614,391	64,324,558
Earnings per share — diluted	\$ 2.38	\$ 1.46	\$ 3.44
Shares used in computation — diluted	62,306,819	68,872,102	71,183,135

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2020	2021	2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars)		
Net income	147,246	109,876	298,555
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	76,188	(26,296)	(150,127)
Gain on changes in fair value of available-for-sale debt securities, net of tax	—	—	904
Gain (loss) on interest rate swap, net of tax	(4,115)	59	716
De-recognition of interest rate swap, net of tax	10,724	—	—
Share of gain on changes in fair value of derivatives of affiliate, net of tax	—	—	3,754
Comprehensive income	230,043	83,639	153,802
Less: comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	2,412	10,296	34,345
Comprehensive income attributable to Canadian Solar Inc.	227,631	73,343	119,457

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

	Common Shares		Treasury Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Earnings Attributable to Canadian Solar Inc.	Non-Controlling Interests	Total Equity
	Number	\$	Number	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars, except share data)									
Balance at December 31, 2019	59,371,684	703,806	609,516	(11,845)	17,179	793,601	(109,607)	1,393,134	31,924	1,425,058
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	146,703	—	146,703	543	147,246
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,319	74,319	1,869	76,188
Acquisition of non-controlling interest's ownership	—	—	—	—	(8,414)	—	—	(8,414)	—	(8,414)
Repurchase of common shares ⁽¹⁾	(381,330)	—	381,330	(5,963)	—	—	—	(5,963)	—	(5,963)
Retirement of treasury stock ⁽¹⁾	—	(17,808)	(990,846)	17,808	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	—	12,350	—	—	12,350	—	12,350
Exercise of share options and RSUs	830,030	1,035	—	—	—	—	—	1,035	—	1,035
Transfer of equity interest in subsidiaries to non-controlling shareholders ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	(49,351)	—	—	(49,351)	273,904	224,553
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,123	14,123
De-recognition of derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,724	10,724	—	10,724
Fair value change on derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,115)	(4,115)	—	(4,115)
Balance at December 31, 2020	59,820,384	687,033	—	—	(28,236)	940,304	(28,679)	1,570,422	322,363	1,892,785
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	95,248	—	95,248	14,628	109,876
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	(21,964)	(21,964)	(4,332)	(26,296)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest's ownership	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(10,719)	(10,719)
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	—	8,808	—	—	8,808	—	8,808
Exercise of RSUs	562,376	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of ordinary shares, net of issuance costs ⁽³⁾	3,639,918	148,510	—	—	—	—	—	148,510	—	148,510
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,003	10,003
Disposal of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(6,588)	(6,588)
Fair value change on derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	59	—	59
Balance at December 31, 2021	64,022,678	835,543	—	—	(19,428)	1,035,552	(50,584)	1,801,083	325,355	2,126,438
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	239,968	—	239,968	58,587	298,555
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	—	(125,885)	(125,885)	(24,242)	(150,127)
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	—	9,370	—	—	9,370	—	9,370
Exercise of RSUs	483,377	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,529	2,529
Transfer of equity interest in subsidiary to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	11,185	—	544	11,729	4,094	15,823
Disposal of subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,268)	(1,268)
Fair value change of available-for-sale debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	—	904	904	—	904
Fair value change on derivatives	—	—	—	—	—	—	716	716	—	716
Share of fair value change on derivatives of affiliates	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,754	3,754	—	3,754
Balance at December 31, 2022	64,506,055	835,543	—	—	1,127	1,275,520	(170,551)	1,941,639	365,055	2,306,694

- Following the share repurchase plan authorized by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2019, the Company repurchased 91,424 and 289,906 outstanding shares with total costs of \$2,000 and \$3,963 in January 2020 and March 2020, respectively. The Company retired all outstanding shares repurchased during 2020.
- The Company completed capital raise of RMB1.78 billion (approximately \$261,332) for CSI Solar Co., Ltd. in 2020 to qualify it for the planned carve-out IPO in China and bring in leading institutional investors and strategic partners. Refer to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements for further information.
- Represented proceeds from "at-the-market" offering of 3,639,918 shares of common shares in 2021, net of commissions and offering expenses of \$1,490.

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2020	2021	2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars)		
Operating activities:			
Net income	147,246	109,876	298,555
Adjustments to net income:			
Depreciation and amortization	209,118	282,769	234,559
Accretion of convertible notes	388	1,461	1,302
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(253)	83	(4,259)
Gain on disposal of solar power systems	—	(10,091)	—
Gain on disposal of investments in affiliates	(13,936)	(10,392)	—
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	11,854	6,084	60,330
Impairment loss of project assets	369	17,152	1,674
Impairment loss of investments in affiliates	24,060	—	357
Loss (gain) on change in fair value of derivatives, net	(50,001)	(23,785)	44,489
Equity in earnings of affiliates	(10,779)	(7,256)	(15,440)
Allowance for credit losses	9,874	7,615	5,773
Non-cash operating lease expenses	19,260	14,321	13,208
Write-down of inventories	42,907	14,070	7,475
Share-based compensation	12,350	8,808	9,370
Unrealized gain (loss) from sales to affiliates	(66)	35,890	5,971
Derecognition of interest rate swap	4,439	—	—
Deferred taxes	(21,439)	(67,386)	16,908
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable trade	65,379	(284,785)	(357,276)
Accounts receivable, unbilled	(12,064)	(8,783)	(23,367)
Amounts due from related parties	26,828	(68,912)	(4,451)
Inventories	(180,974)	(518,741)	(406,343)
Value added tax recoverable	2,687	(21,873)	(43,881)
Advances to suppliers	(138,915)	(30,416)	(52,893)
Project assets	(443,730)	(73,375)	(302,839)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(72,188)	(85,754)	151,663
Other non-current assets	(11,913)	20,357	(17,350)
Accounts payable	(89,180)	11,023	351,535
Short-term notes payable	120,445	150,982	721,039
Amounts due to related parties	(9,773)	(171)	(54)
Other payables	10,386	126,215	(417)
Advances from customers	51,683	(53,998)	209,855
Operating lease liabilities	(18,917)	(14,156)	(14,160)
Other liabilities	160,768	51,248	68,492
Liability for uncertain tax positions	(623)	(7,281)	(1,718)
Net settlement of derivatives	33,054	31,886	(31,851)
Loss contingency accruals	1,115	(10,939)	(9,625)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(120,541)	(408,254)	916,631

Canadian Solar Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2020	2021	2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars)		
Investing activities:			
Investments in affiliates	(17,758)	(54,004)	(19,355)
Return of capital from affiliates	—	2,671	7,083
Proceeds from disposal of investments in affiliates	33,037	14,311	—
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(334,781)	(428,725)	(627,115)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	—	18,555	7,479
Purchase of solar power systems	(160)	(775)	(882)
Proceeds from disposal of solar power systems	—	18,397	2,302
Net cash used in investing activities	(319,662)	(429,570)	(630,488)
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	1,667,703	1,742,064	1,387,537
Repayment of short-term borrowings	(1,561,597)	(1,879,884)	(1,695,563)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	207,632	588,082	770,368
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	—	(10,719)	—
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	261,332	10,003	15,109
Repayment to non-controlling interests	—	(6,588)	—
Net proceeds from issuance of common shares	—	148,510	—
Proceeds from (repayment of) third party financing liabilities	6,419	—	(29,595)
Proceeds from sales-leaseback arrangement	9,945	45,693	—
Repayments of finance lease obligation	(22,173)	(23,090)	(19,217)
Net proceeds from issuance of convertible notes	222,826	—	—
Proceeds from subscription of employee stock ownership plan	36,342	—	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,035	—	—
Payments for repurchase of common shares	(5,963)	—	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	823,501	614,071	428,639
Effect of exchange rate changes	50,997	18,320	(179,561)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	434,295	(205,433)	535,221
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the beginning of the year	1,205,420	1,639,715	1,434,282
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at the end of the year	1,639,715	1,434,282	1,969,503
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Interest paid (net of amounts capitalized)	78,747	71,006	76,511
Income taxes paid, net of tax refund	38,193	57,396	77,400
Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities:			
Property, plant and equipment costs included in other payables	244,512	299,664	549,883

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash reported within the balance sheets that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statements of cash flows.

	At December 31,	
	2021	2022
	(In Thousands of U.S. Dollars)	
Cash and cash equivalents	869,831	981,434
Restricted cash — current	560,633	978,116
Restricted cash — non-current	3,818	9,953
Total cash and cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in the statements of cash flows	1,434,282	1,969,503