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AURORA ENERGY has entered into a new three-year Retail Service Agreement (RSA) with Firmus Technologies, supporting the company's expansion of cutting-edge, energy-efficient artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure in Tasmania.

Under the agreement, Firmus will progressively ramp up its Tasmanian operations from August 2026, increasing to a maximum of 104MW from November 2026.

Firmus Technologies is an Australian company building AI Factories — large-scale computing facilities that power artificial intelligence workloads for businesses and researchers around the world.

The power contract with Aurora underpins a \$5 billion investment Firmus is making into Launceston, generating hundreds of Tasmanian jobs across construction, data centre operations and AI-related roles. During construction, the project draws on local trades, civil and electrical contractors. After launch, it will support ongoing roles in tech operations, maintenance, energy management, security and software engineering — with training pathways aimed at young Tasmanians entering the industry.

A key principle underpinning the Firmus strategy is the development of new baseload capacity rather than drawing on existing supply. Firmus underwrites net new renewable generation at source — with Project Southgate expected to catalyse up to 5.1GW of new renewable capacity nationally, starting in Tasmania.

Aurora Energy CEO Nigel Clark said the agreement reflects strong commercial value for Tasmania and demonstrates Aurora's ability to support emerging industries with tailored energy solutions.

“As the Tasmania's only owned and operated electricity retailer, it is critical that we continue to support growth. The partnership with Firmus positions Tasmania as a destination for next-generation digital infrastructure while ensuring strong commercial outcomes for the state. Firmus' commitment to sustainable, renewable-powered AI aligns with Tasmania's clean-energy advantage, and we're pleased to support their growth in Tasmania.”

The agreement coincides with the Australian Government's publication of national expectations for data centres and AI infrastructure — a framework calling on operators to support the energy transition, invest in Australian skills and build in the national interest.

Firmus Co-CEO and Co-founder Oliver Curtis said:

“We're a proudly Tasmania-founded company, so this agreement means a great deal to us. We're grateful for Aurora's partnership and for the confidence Tasmania has placed in what we're trying to build. Ultimately, this is about creating new baseload so that our AI factories are a grid asset, not grid strain. We think that's how this industry has to operate — and we're committed to proving it here first.”

Aurora Energy looks forward to supporting Firmus as it delivers AI infrastructure that is renewable-powered, regionally anchored, and built for the long-term benefit of Tasmania.

Southgate Tasmania FAQs: <https://firmus.co/project-southgate-faqs>

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