

Press Release

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Subject: Forestry Commission Wales – Clocaenog Forest.

“npower renewables is one of Wales’ and the UK’s leading developers and operators of renewable energy schemes and is pleased to have been selected as the preferred bidder to seek planning permission to develop a wind farm on land managed by Forestry Commission Wales (on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government) in TAN8 Strategic Area A in north Wales.

“Our company has a long and proud heritage in Wales, and we look forward to working alongside the communities of north Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and Welsh Assembly Government in continuing that positive association.

“We believe the Welsh Assembly Government has taken a very positive step in enabling the potential for wind energy to make an even greater contribution towards renewable energy targets in Wales, and further contribute in the fight against climate change.

“Across Wales, npower renewables already operates 7 onshore wind farms, 1 offshore wind farm and 7 hydro electric schemes - saving many tens of thousands of tonnes of the main greenhouse gas carbon dioxide that would otherwise be produced by traditional fossil fuel-burning energy generation.

“It is our intention that, through the process of proposing a new wind farm project on Forestry Commission Wales-managed land in north Wales, we will work closely with, and support local communities, and propose to develop a site that is sensitive to the management of the surrounding woodland.

“Throughout the development process, we will keep local people informed, engaged and involved in the progress of the project and the development of a community benefit package that will support the appropriate local communities.

“A full public information and consultation exercise will be initiated once we have collated sufficient information to present a proposal upon which meaningful consultation can be undertaken.”

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Editors notes

npower renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators and is the UK subsidiary of RWE's specialist renewable energy company RWE Innogy. In Wales, the company operates seven hydroelectric power schemes in North Wales, the UK's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle, off the North Wales coast and seven onshore wind farms from Neath in South Wales to Anglesey in the North.

Sister company RWE npower, is a leading UK integrated energy company and a major employer in Wales, operating Aberthaw Power Station and two Combined Heat and Power plants at Barry and Bridgend. In all, RWE's installed conventional and renewable energy generation in Wales supplies the equivalent of around one-third of Wales' electricity needs.

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