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RES SUBMITS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR BARR CREGG WIND FARM

The proposal is for seven turbines each with a maximum height of 125 metres to the tip of the blade. The proposed wind farm has an indicative installed capacity of 12.6 (MW) which will generate clean, renewable energy equivalent to the annual electricity demand of an estimated 7,000 homes a year.

Commenting on the submission of the planning application, Garth McGimpsey, Project Manager, RES said –

“This application is the result of a thorough and extensive environmental assessment of the Barr Cregg site which has shown it to be ideally suited to harness the natural resource of wind to generate clean, green electricity.

“RES takes stakeholder and public consultation very seriously and we have engaged with political representatives, householders, community groups and organisations in the local area since May 2012. The feedback we have received has fed in to the application that has been submitted”.

“If planning permission is received the wind farm will provide much needed clean, green and sustainable energy contributing to the Government’s renewable energy targets, create valuable jobs and help stimulate economic growth. It will also generate a community fund, amounting to around £25,000 per year for the lifetime of the wind farm, which will bring significant benefits to the local area.

“As the most advanced renewable energy technology, we firmly believe onshore wind power has a vital role to play in meeting our energy needs. We are confident that this is a very good site for a wind farm and that our sensitively designed project will be an asset to the area.”

The planning application, along with an Environmental Statement, has been submitted to the Planning Service. Both documents are available to view at the following locations:



- Diamond Centre, 630 Baranailt Road, Claudy, County Londonderry BT47 4EA
- www.barrcregg-windfarm.co.uk

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Wind farm location - Approximately 2.5 miles from Claudy, 7 miles from Londonderry and 10 miles from Limavady.
2. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy companies and has developed 14 wind farms in Northern Ireland since the early 1990s. The RES Group has to date completed over 6,500MW of wind power capacity worldwide, and in the UK alone currently has more than 1,000MW of onshore wind either constructed, under construction or consented. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (including large scale biomass, solar, wave, tidal and wind), as well as sustainable building design. Through events, open days and school trips, RES, in partnership with wind farm company B9 Energy, has hosted over 27,000 visitors to local wind farms in Northern Ireland over the past 15 years. For more information visit www.res-group.com
3. The final installed capacity of the wind farm will depend on the outcome of planning permission and will vary according to turbine type selected. The indicative 12.6MW figure used here is based on seven turbines each rated a conservative 1.8MW. The 7,000 homes figure is a conservative estimate based on a 12.6MW project, the 2010 GB average household electricity consumption of 4370kWh pa and the 2008 UK-average onshore wind load factor of 29.4%, source DECC.

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