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Infinis obtains Section 36 consent for the 55MW Galawhistle wind farm

Infinis, the UK's leading independent generator of renewable power, is pleased to announce that Scotland's Energy Minister Fergus Ewing has granted consent for Infinis' Galawhistle wind farm located between Douglas and Coalburn in South Lanarkshire and Muirkirk in East Ayrshire.

The 22 turbine scheme will have an installed capacity of up to 55MW. Infinis is considering various grid connection options that will determine when generation will commence.

Eric Machiels, Chief Executive of Infinis, said:

"We are delighted with the Energy Minister's decision to grant consent for Galawhistle, a sizeable project that is a welcome enhancement to Infinis' onshore wind development portfolio. This is a project that Infinis has worked on for a number of years and we are pleased that the scheme has now been approved. We have consulted extensively regarding our proposals and look forward to working closely with the Energy Minister's team, South Lanarkshire Council, East Ayrshire Council and the local communities to deliver our plans."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Applicant/section 36

The Section 36 application was determined in favour of Infinis plc, an Infinis group subsidiary, on 8 August 2012.

In Scotland, applications to build and operate electricity generating stations in excess of 50MW are made to the Scottish Ministers for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989. Fergus Ewing is the Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism.

History

Infinis acquired the Galawhistle site in 2007. The Section 36 application was submitted in March 2010.

Infinis group

The Infinis group is the leading independent generator of renewable power in the UK, producing approximately 10% of the UK's renewable power in the year to 31 March 2011^[1]. Infinis is a portfolio company of Terra Firma, one of Europe's leading private equity firms.

Infinis employs approximately 400 people across 143 operating sites and has an aggregate generating capacity of 571MW, comprising:

- 123 landfill gas sites (343MW)
- 10 onshore wind farms (211MW)
- 10 hydro sites (17MW)

Infinis is currently the largest generator of electricity from landfill gas in the UK, with a market share of about 41%^[1]. It also has a strong onshore wind project pipeline comprising up to 65MW under construction, 147MW consented, 72MW in planning, 180MW in development and approximately 435MW at various feasibility stages^[2]. In addition, the group has a growing hydropower business and is building a pipeline of hydro development projects, primarily in Wales and Scotland. Infinis also has approximately 125MW of biomass development rights, including a consented 40MW biomass project with a secured grid connection. Infinis plans to expand its renewable energy footprint by pursuing further renewable diversification opportunities.

[1] Based on issued Renewables Obligation Certificates in CP 9 (1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011); sources: Ofgem Renewables and CHP register (as at 2 August 2011), Infinis.

[2] As at 8 August 2012.