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Infinis obtains planning consent for the 48.3MW A'Chruach wind farm

Infinis, the UK's leading independent generator of renewable power, is pleased to announce that Argyll and Bute Council has granted planning consent for Infinis' revised proposals to build and operate the A'Chruach wind farm at Kilmichael Forest, Minard.

The 21 turbine scheme will have an installed capacity of up to 48.3MW and Infinis expects that construction of the wind farm will start in 2013, with generation scheduled to commence in 2014.

The revised proposals have been welcomed by members of the local communities and Infinis has established the A'Chruach Community Liaison Group to ensure that the local communities benefit from its plans and are fully informed as the project is progressed through to construction and into operation.

Eric Machiels, Chief Executive of Infinis, said:

"We are delighted with Argyll and Bute Council's unanimous decision to grant planning consent for A'Chruach, 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 revised scheme has now been approved. We have consulted extensively regarding our revised proposals and look forward to working closely with Argyll and Bute Council and the local communities to deliver our plans."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Applicant/local communities

The planning application was determined in favour of A'Chruach Wind Farm Limited, an Infinis group subsidiary, on 27 June 2012.

The revised proposals have been supported by a number of community organisations as well as the three host community councils of Dunadd, West Loch Fyne and Lochgilphead. Infinis is pleased to have forged strong relationships with these and other stakeholders.

History

The original planning consent, granted to A'Chruach Wind Farm Limited when it was a subsidiary of Novera Energy Limited (Novera), was for a 20 turbine wind farm at the same site in Kilmichael Forest in 2008. Following the acquisition of Novera by Infinis in November 2009, Infinis submitted revised proposals including the respacing of turbines and an increase in turbine tip height to reflect changes in the market that have occurred since the original submission.

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, 92MW consented, 94MW in planning, 200MW in development and approximately 450MW 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 30 June 2012.