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RENEWABLES FIRM AIMS TO POWER AHEAD IN CAITHNESS

- Leading renewable energy developer reaffirms its commitment to Caithness
- Communities and local suppliers will continue to benefit
- Upbeat message comes in wake of gloomy economic news for the area

Leading renewable energy developer RES has stressed its continuing commitment to Caithness despite a recent blow to the area's economy.

Confirmation of the company's support for the area follows doubts over the future of the Forss Business and Technology Park after the company that runs the site was placed in administration.

RES is aiming to further develop its Forss Wind Farm and The Highland Council will review its application on the 19th July, following a site visit by Councillors.

Graeme Kerr, RES Development Project Manager, said: *"We have a significant commitment to Caithness and want to expand our value to the local economy. We particularly want to ensure the communities close to the Forss Wind Farm benefit, but we've also been instrumental in seeing jobs go to local people, with the maintenance of the turbines for instance.*

"We are here for the longer term and hope that the Planning Review Board will see that our plans are nothing but beneficial for Caithness. Scouts, young farmers, school pupils and other community causes have been supported by RES and we will do more."

RES has injected well over £1million in capital and ongoing revenue spend in Caithness since it first set up a wind farm at Forss in 2003.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development for over 30 years, RES has developed and/or built more than 6.5GW of wind energy capacity worldwide. In the UK alone, RES currently has more than 1GW of onshore wind energy either constructed, under construction or consented. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies including large-scale biomass, solar, wave and tidal and on-site renewable installations. For more information, visit www.res-group.com
2. In 2011, RES submitted an application for an extension to Forss Wind Farm. The application was refused by a planning officer using delegated decision making powers. RES submitted an appeal to the Local Review Body in January this year and is currently waiting to be reviewed. For more information, please visit www.forss-windfarm.co.uk.

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