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RES ANNOUNCES PLANS TO EXTEND FORSS WIND FARM

RES¹ has announced plans to extend Forss Wind Farm, located at the former US Naval Radio Station near Thurso in Caithness. The extension will see five turbines added to the existing six turbine wind farm.

Public consultation exhibitions about the project will be held at Caithness Horizons, Thurso from 2pm to 8pm on Wednesday 25 August and 10am to 3pm on Thursday 26 August. Everyone is welcome to come along to either day to find out more about the proposals. RES will present the findings of the environmental studies undertaken, and the project team will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposal in more detail.

Alan Macintyre, Project Manager, commented; *"We hope to submit a planning application in the early autumn and are going to start a consultation process with the local community to present our current plans. This process will enable the community to provide comments and feedback on our proposal."*

Forss Wind Farm currently generates a significant amount of clean, green renewable energy equivalent to the needs of over 3,700 households. The wind farm extension will provide the equivalent to the annual consumption of 3,000-5,000 households.

As well as the environmental benefits from the existing Forss Wind Farm, the project has provided economic and community benefits. Through a community fund linked to the wind farm, RES is committed to providing financial benefit to the local community; the money has been used for the erection of Christmas lights, swimming training camp, sports equipment for the local Beaver Group and educational trips for students. Throughout the construction of the wind farm RES used local subcontractors and suppliers from the Highlands, ensuring that the local region reaped the economic benefits. It is RES's intention that the extension project will also provide significant local benefits.

A newsletter is being circulated to local people containing full details of the project.

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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 since the 1970s, RES has developed and/or built more than 4.7GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including around 10% of the UK's wind energy. In Scotland, RES has developed and/or owns seven wind farm projects. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, onshore and offshore wind, wave and tidal), as well as sustainable building design. For more information, visit www.res-group.com.

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