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RES AND AIRTRICITY SIGN DEAL ON SALE OF SLIEVE DIVENA PHASE II

RES UK & Ireland Ltd has today completed an agreement to sell the eight turbine Slieve Divena Phase II wind farm project in Northern Ireland to Airtricity Developments (UK) Ltd.

Slieve Divena Phase II was granted planning consent in 2007 and will be situated near Sixmilecross in County Tyrone. It is a 20MW extension to the existing 30MW (megawatt) Slieve Divena wind farm, which became operational in March 2009. Slieve Divena Phase II will generate renewable electricity sufficient to meet the needs of an estimated 11,000 homes every year and provide a significant boost to Northern Ireland's renewable energy generation.

The existing Slieve Divena wind farm comprises 12 turbines of 2.5MW and was also developed by RES before being sold to Airtricity in 2007.

The Slieve Divena extension continues RES's successful development track record in Northern Ireland, where the company is currently developing and constructing a number of wind farm projects.

The acquisition by Airtricity of the Slieve Divena extension is another important step in the ongoing development of the leading renewable energy company's wind farm portfolio in Northern Ireland, which includes wind farms at Tappaghan, Bin Mountain, Bessy Bell, Slieve Kirk, and the existing Slieve Divena.

CEO of RES Northern Europe, Douglas Wright, said;

"We are delighted to complete the sale of phase two of Slieve Divena wind farm to Airtricity, following their acquisition of phase one in 2007. Our team in Northern Ireland has once again developed a valuable project that will make an important contribution to renewable energy targets and national energy security. It continues our success in the Northern Ireland market, which has enjoyed strong growth and where wind will continue to play a major role."



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Commenting on the sale, Stephen Wheeler, General Manager Ireland of Airtricity said;

“The acquisition by Airtricity of Slieve Divena Phase II from RES UK & Ireland Ltd builds on the partnership that both companies forged on the existing 30MW Slieve Divena wind farm. The Slieve Divena extension will not only continue and deepen the relationship between Airtricity and RES but will also help us to partner with communities in Northern Ireland to secure our energy independence, end our dependency on foreign fossil-fuel imports, and help Northern Ireland meet its binding EU 2020 targets on Renewable Energy generation.”

A date for the commencement of construction is to be decided.

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Notes to Editors

1. **About RES:** RES (www.res-group.com) is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy companies involved in the development, construction and operation of wind farms across Europe, North America and Australia. Part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of construction and engineering companies, RES has to date completed over 4,000MW of wind energy capacity worldwide. In Northern Ireland, RES UK & Ireland has developed and/or built 14 of the region's existing wind farms (Rigged Hill, Corkey, Elliott's Hill, Owenreagh, Bessy Bell, Lendrum's Bridge (phases 1 and 2), Altahullion (phases 1 and 2), Callagheen, Lough Hill, Wolf Bog, Slieve Divena 1 and Gruig) and the single turbine at Slievenahanaghan and has a further seven projects currently in development or under construction.
2. **About Airtricity:** Airtricity (www.airtricity.com) is the renewable energy development division of Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE). The company has responsibility for the development of onshore and offshore wind farms in the UK, Ireland, and Europe as well as developing hydro and marine projects. The company is currently developing two of the world's larger wind farms, a 504MW Offshore wind farm, Greater Gabbard, located off the Suffolk coast of England and a 456MW Onshore wind farm, Clyde, located in the Upper Clyde Valley in Scotland. Airtricity was acquired by SSE in February 2008. The combined Airtricity / SSE team has developed 40 wind farms across Europe and North America. SSE has over 600MW of onshore wind farm capacity in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland in operation, in construction or with consent for development. Airtricity's goal is to protect the future of our planet by delivering renewable energy with passion, innovation and integrity.

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