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RES CEO IAN MAYS AWARDED POUL LA COUR PRIZE

RES is delighted to announce that the prestigious Poul la Cour Prize has been presented to Dr Ian Mays, CEO of the RES Group, one of the world's leading renewable energy developers. The prize was presented on Tuesday 23rd November by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) at the conference dinner for EWEA's GRIDS 2010 event in Berlin, Germany and recognises Dr Mays' achievements as one of the foremost contributors to the global development of wind energy.

Since 1993, the Poul la Cour Prize has been awarded to individuals who have pioneered the development of wind power and have achieved exceptional results in the wind community.

Dr. Mays, CEO of the RES Group commented: *"It is truly an honour to have been presented with this prestigious award. In the thirty five years that I have been working in wind energy, I have seen it move from its early research and development phase to become an essential part of the solution to climate change and energy security whilst bringing sustainable jobs and economic prosperity. I applaud all the people I've worked with over the years at RES and in the wider industry. But there is still much more to do in continuing to adapt our energy supply. The next few years will require exceptional growth in the renewable industry and I look forward to continuing to contribute to that vital task."*

Christian Kjaer, CEO of the EWEA commented: *"I would like to congratulate Ian, his commitment and enthusiasm for the development of wind energy has not faltered in 35 years of working in the industry. His company is one of the most successful wind energy developers worldwide and one of the first independent power producers to achieve such great results. I see him as one of the people who brought the wind industry to the international platform, through his business and political activities."*

Previous winners of the Poul La Cour Prize:

- 2009: Mechtild Rothe, Vice-President of the European Parliament - for her commitment to promoting renewable energy in Europe
- 2008: Jos Beurskens, Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN) - for his outstanding achievements and many years' service in the field of wind energy
- 2007: Erik Lundtang Petersen, Risø - in honour of outstanding achievements in wind energy and for his scientific integrity

- 2006: Andrew Garrad, Garrad Hassan - for outstanding personal achievement in wind energy
- 2004: Esteban Morras, EHN - for establishing EHN as one of the leading renewable energy developers in the world
- 2003: Wolfgang Palz, European Commission - for his work at the European Commission
- 2001: Ecotecnica - for their co-operative organisation structure
- 1999: Søren Krohn, Danish Wind Industry Association - for www.windpower.org
- 1995: Aloys Wobben - for the gearless ENERCON turbine
- 1993: Erik Grove - for pioneering blade design

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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 25 years, RES has developed and/or built more than 5GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, 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 and carbon and energy consulting advice through its Inbuilt consulting business. For more information, visit www.res-group.com.
2. Dr Ian Mays MBE is CEO of RES (www.res-group.com). He has been a leading figure in the field in the development of renewable energy since the 1970s and is one of the industry's most active advocates in the UK and abroad. He is Past President of the European Wind Energy Association, Past Chairman of the British Wind Energy Association and is a member of the Global Wind Energy Council. He is a mechanical engineer by training, obtaining his BSc degree and PhD at Reading University. Ian is a holder of the Royal Academy of Engineering's prestigious Silver Medal, was named 'Renewable Energy Champion' by the UK industry in 2006 and was awarded an MBE in 2007.
3. EWEA is the voice of the wind industry, actively promoting the utilisation of wind power in Europe and worldwide. It now has over 600 members from almost 60 countries including manufacturers with a 90% share of the world wind power market, plus component suppliers, research institutes, national wind and renewables associations, developers, electricity providers, finance and insurance companies and consultants.

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