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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **LEADING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPER TO BRING GREEN JOBS TO THE NORTH EAST**

Renewable Energy Systems Limited (RES) [1], the UK's leading independent renewable energy developer, has announced today that it is opening an office in Newcastle, as part of its continued national and international growth. The company plans to draw on both the skilled workforce of the North East and the region's significant potential for green energy.

Part of the Sir Robert McAlpine Group of engineering companies, a British firm with more than 100 years' experience in the construction industry, RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has completed more than 60 wind farms worldwide. It is currently working on the development and construction of projects across the UK, Europe, North America and Australasia, including the Lynn and Inner Dowsing offshore wind farm off the coast of Skegness.

RES is active in a range of renewable energy technologies for providing on-site heating, power and cooling, including biomass, ground source and solar. RES is a holder of the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise and was recently listed in the Sunday Times Top 25 Green Businesses.

Jack Noakes, Chief Engineer for the RES Group, commented:

*"We are looking to harness the North East's tremendous engineering skills and traditions. The renewable energy sector is booming and we have many projects in the pipeline that require skilled and committed engineers from all backgrounds. In return, RES can offer exciting career opportunities in an established and highly-respected company and the chance to feel that you are making a difference."*

The potential for 'green-collar' jobs' is now widely recognised. In June the Government unveiled a renewable energy plan to produce 15% of the country's energy from green sources by 2020, a multi-billion pound investment that could create hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Much of this will come from wind power, with significant growth expected in offshore wind, particularly in the North Sea. The North East region is well-placed to reap the economic as well as the environmental benefits of this growth. By 2020 over 20% of the North East's electricity requirements could be met by clean, secure, locally based renewable technologies and the use of renewables to supply heat is also expected to increase.[2].

One NorthEast Head of Strategic Economic Change, Chris Pywell, said: "I am delighted to welcome a company of RES' calibre to the region. They have been pioneers of wind power technology for 30 years and will further boost the North East's growing reputation as a UK hub for renewable energy technology.

"North East England is leading the way in renewable energies and with our established skills base in the offshore sector we are in a prime position to take advantage of the Government's emphasis on offshore wind development."

Jack Noakes added;

*"With concerns about climate change and the availability of future energy supplies, wind power and other green energy industries will continue to expand. RES is playing a leading role in meeting national and international renewable energy targets and we need skilled people to do this. The North East offers great potential for the development of renewable energy projects and we are very excited about setting up our first office in the region."*

RES is looking for good engineers from all disciplines and preferably with backgrounds in the renewables, utilities, oil and gas, marine, electrical power system, aeronautical or environmental sectors. The new office is located in the Team Valley area of Newcastle [3].

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### **Notes to Editors:**

1. Renewable Energy Systems (RES) is a leading independent renewable energy company with businesses in Europe, North America and Australasia. In the UK it has offices in Hertfordshire (HQ), Glasgow, Cardiff, Devon and Larne in Northern Ireland. Part of the British Sir Robert McAlpine Group of engineering and construction companies, RES has been at the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s and has completed more than 2,700MW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including projects in the UK, Ireland, France, Scandinavia, and across the United States. The RES Group has more than 1,600MW currently under construction and a large portfolio in development, both on and off shore. RES is active in a range of renewable energy technologies for on-site and building-integrated heat and power generation, including biomass heating, solar (PV and thermal) and ground source hot water, heating and cooling. The Group's sustainable buildings consultancy, Inbuilt, provides technical and consulting excellence in the research, design and delivery of sustainable built environments. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)
2. North East Renewable Energy Strategy (2005) produced for the North East Assembly by TNEI Services. [http://www.gos.gov.uk/nestore/docs/envandrural/energy/renew\\_energy\\_strat2.pdf](http://www.gos.gov.uk/nestore/docs/envandrural/energy/renew_energy_strat2.pdf)
3. The new RES office is located in Team Valley, Gateshead. For enquiries regarding job opportunities, please contact:

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