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GREEN LIGHT FOR ABERDEENSHIRE WIND FARM

RES has welcomed a Planning Reporter's decision today to consent the 12 turbine Meikle Carewe Wind Farm, near Stonehaven. The announcement overturns a previous decision by Aberdeenshire Council, which refused planning consent for the wind farm in April 2010.

Allan Johnston, Head of Development for RES in Scotland, commented:

"We are very pleased with the decision today; projects like Meikle Carewe will contribute to Scotland's ambitious renewable energy targets and bring significant local economic and environmental benefits. The project will bring community benefits through establishing a community fund or by improving access to Elsick Mounth Right of Way, which would see the creation of a recreational and ecological area close to the wind farm site entrance for local people and visitors"

The form of community benefit will be explored in the coming months through local consultation. RES hopes to start construction within the next 12 months and will keep the local community fully informed as this progresses.

Meikle Carewe Wind Farm will have an installed capacity of approximately 10 MW and will provide clean, green renewable energy equivalent to the average demand of more than 5,000 households.

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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 5GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including 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
2. Meikle Carewe Wind Farm is located 6.5km north-west of Stonehaven. RES submitted a planning application in 2000 which, although it was recommended for approval, was refused due



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concerns with visual amenity, aviation safety and TV interference. RES resubmitted an amended application addressing all the concerns in 2006. The project was recommended for approval, and was refused by Aberdeenshire Councillors in April 2010. British Airport Authority (BAA), owners of Aberdeen Airport, and NATS have no objections to the project. In addition, the project has no objections from either Scottish Natural Heritage or Aberdeenshire Council's landscape department. RES appeal the decision to The Scottish Government Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals. An independent Planning Reporter consented the project on 24 February 2011. For further information about the Meikle Carewe Wind Farm, please visit: www.meikle-carewe.co.uk

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