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Statement regarding licences to remove unexploded ordnance from the seabed in Liverpool Bay

RWE Innogy UK has been granted the licences to safely dispose of three objects, identified as unexploded ordnance, found on the seabed within the construction area of the Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm.

A Marine Licence to undertake the works and a European Protected Species Licence were issued by Natural Resources Wales today (7th March).

RWE is continuing to work with a number of contractors and consultants to identify the safest method of disposal and no date has yet been set to carry out such works.

Construction activity is continuing in the offshore site, with vessels complying with a 250 metre exclusion zone, which is currently in place in Liverpool Bay around the objects.

It is not uncommon for unexploded ordnance to be found on the seabed and standard procedures are in place to deal with potential “UXO targets”, as they are often referred.

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Editor’s notes:

At 576MW, Gwynt y Môr is one of the largest offshore wind farms currently under construction in Europe, and is a shared investment between funding partners RWE Innogy, Stadtwerke München GmbH and Siemens⁽¹⁾.

Once fully operational, energy generation from Gwynt y Môr is expected to be equivalent to the average annual needs of around 400,000 homes⁽²⁾.

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European offshore wind industry, and will be RWE Innogy UK's largest offshore wind farm in construction. It is the company's third offshore wind farm in Liverpool Bay, alongside North Hoyle (60MW) and Rhyl Flats (90MW) offshore wind farms.

Offshore construction of the 160 turbine wind farm is well underway more than eight miles off the North Wales Coast, in water depths of 12-28 metres.

Onshore cable installation work and construction of a 132/400kV substation at St Asaph, North Wales is complete.

More information about Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm can be found at www.rwe.com/gwyntymor

Editors notes

(1) Gwynt y Môr represents a total investment of more than EUR2 billion, shared between RWE Innogy(60%); Stadtwerke München GmbH, Munich's municipal utilities company (30%); and Siemens(10%).

(2) Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area. This enables a calculation to be made to estimate the average annual energy production for the site based on 160 turbines each of rated capacity 3.6 MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent figures may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4700 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household estimates and projections from the UK Statistics Authority.

(3) Office for National Statistics: The 2011 census states there were 1.3million households in Wales on census night.

About RWE Innogy UK

RWE Innogy UK is the UK subsidiary of RWE Innogy and one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators. We are committed to developing and operating renewable energy projects to produce sustainable electricity.

We operate 22 hydroelectric power schemes, 28 onshore wind farms and two offshore wind farms, including the UK's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle. RWE Innogy UK is currently constructing its first biomass CHP power plant in Scotland, and the 576 megawatt Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm, off the North Wales coast.

From development, to construction and operation, our staff in area offices across Wales, Scotland and England work in close partnership with local communities and companies. In 2013, renewable energy sites operated by RWE Innogy UK invested over £1 million into communities across the UK. The investments made by RWE in the UK are creating substantial new job opportunities, developing the supply chain and, very importantly, helping the UK Government achieve the EU target of supplying 30% of electricity from renewables, by 2020.

RWE Innogy UK is a sister company to RWE npower, a leading UK energy company with around 5.4 million customer accounts.

RWE Innogy is fully committed to growth in renewable energy across Europe and the UK continues to play a significant role.

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