Good Afternoon,

As you will be aware, Fred. Olsen Renewables has been exploring the potential to repower Crystal Rig 1 Wind Farm, located approx. 10 km south of Dunbar. I am pleased to advise that we have submitted our application for consent to the Scottish Government and I provide an overview of the development and the opportunities that it presents below.

We have undertaken a range of consultations ahead of our application submission and our plans have been designed in response to local feedback and are focused on delivering for the local economy, community and tourism.

Fred. Olsen Renewables has been working with key stakeholders and the local community since 2023 to bring forward our proposals for Crystal Rig 1 Repower Wind Farm. As a result of the feedback that we have received alongside any environmental and technical information gathered as part of the ongoing assessment and consultation process, we have undertaken a number of design iterations – this has resulted in the moving of turbines and a reduction in turbine height. Therefore, the layout that we have submitted to the Scottish Government consists of:

- Ten turbines, four turbines up to 200m to tip and six up to 230m to tip capable of generating 72MW of electricity
- Onsite substation and control building
- New and existing access tracks

We are pleased with the response that our proposals have received locally and the understanding that our plans will deliver a range of benefits. These include:

Creating a substantial community benefit fund

- Providing over £360,000 per year to the local community – amounting to over £12m throughout the lifespan of the project (index linked)
- Working with the local communities to help them to utilise the funding and explore delivery mechanisms, including:
    - A local energy discount scheme
    - A local energy efficiency programme
    - A locally managed fund
    - Supporting long term resilience plans to adapt to changing demographics

Biodiversity improvements

- Restoring and improving the habitats on site

- Implementing natural woodland regeneration
- Delivering biodiversity enhancement that compliment and support existing projects in and around the local area

Supporting the local supply chain

- Maximising opportunities for the local supply chain
- Continuing to engage the local supply chain and building capacity locally
- Supporting our contractors to spend at least 30% of the contract value locally
- Incentivising all contractors to use local content

The application documents are available on our website: Crystal Rig Wind Farm. The Scottish Government Energy Consents portal can be accessed here and provides details about how you can provide your views on the application. The application reference number is ECU00005089.

Hard copies of the application documents will also be available to view at the Scottish Borders Council headquarters and at the Outdoor Centre in Innerwick, viewing on request. However, for convenience I can also provide a copy of the materials on memory stick, as well as hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary. Please do let me know if this would be helpful and I can get these sent to you.

I would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss our plans with you in further detail. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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