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## WIND FARM CONSENT BRINGS NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO NORTH TAWTON AREA

After planning consent for the Den Brook wind farm was announced in December, RES, the developer of the 9-turbine wind farm, has moved a step closer towards a deal which will allow local people to invest in the wind farm in return for a share in the profits.

RES is working with Energy4All, a not-for-profit organisation, with the aim of facilitating the ownership of shares in the wind farm for local residents. Energy4All has already established seven successful wind farm co-operatives across the country, a model which provides an ideal way to satisfy the needs of those communities who want more direct involvement in the generation of renewable energy in their region.

John Malone of Energy4All commented, "*Local share ownership enables local people to have a say in the operation of the wind farm and to benefit financially from the sale of the electricity produced by the turbines. It is a model that is very popular in Scandinavia, for example, and through our efforts, in seven communities across Britain. We are very excited by the prospect of working with local residents who are already keen to see the wind farm up and running.*"

Helen Hall, Project Manager for Den Brook Wind Farm, said;

*"We have always been very keen to explore how residents local to Den Brook could be offered a stake in the wind farm as a way to reap some direct benefit from the project once it is up and running. As we are now starting to work towards construction of the wind farm, which we hope to commence towards the end of 2010, we are now holding further discussions with Energy4All to find the best way of making the wind farm a real asset to the region once it is up and running, by keeping investment within the local community. At this stage, we would be very interested to hear from people who would like to register their interest in the share scheme and would encourage them to visit our website at [www.den-brook.co.uk](http://www.den-brook.co.uk) to do so."*

Construction of the 9-turbine wind farm is planned to commence at the end of 2010 and will supply clean, green electricity equivalent to the needs of 8,000 homes. The wind farm will also bring about improvements to the Dartmoor Railway, as well as generating an annual community fund of £27,000 per year.

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### Notes to editors:

1. RES is a leading UK renewable energy company and is part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of construction and engineering companies. RES built its first wind farm in Cornwall in 1992. The RES Group has to date completed over 4,300MW of wind power capacity worldwide and is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, ground source, wind), as well as sustainable building design. RES is a holder of the Queen's Award for Enterprise for its commitment to renewable energy. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)
2. The planning application for Den Brook Wind Farm was submitted to West Devon Borough Council in November 2005 after two years of careful survey work, design and consultation with independent experts and the local community. It was granted planning permission in February 2007 after a full public inquiry. A legal challenge was lodged by opponents to the scheme in March 2007 and was dismissed in the High Court in February 2008. Leave to appeal was granted and consent for the project was quashed in July 2008. RES agreed not to continue with court proceedings, but rather to bring them to an end by consent and return to public inquiry to resolve the matter. The inquiry took place in July 2009 and planning consent was given to the wind farm in December 2009.
3. **Energy4All** is the UK's leading social enterprise promoting community ownership of renewable energy. Established in 2002, the company creates and manages renewable energy co-operatives established as Industrial and Provident Societies and operating on the democratic principle of "one member, one vote". The company runs on a not-for-profit basis and is owned by the co-operatives it creates.

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