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## **Preferred bidders announced for £multi-million Harwich renewables base**

- ***Three preferred bidders announced in deals totalling over £7 million***
- ***To build the Galloper Operations & Maintenance Base and associated infrastructure***
- ***State-of-the-art, purpose-built base***

Three companies have been announced today (28<sup>th</sup> July 2017) as the preferred bidders for the Galloper Operations & Maintenance (O&M) base in deals totaling over £7 million. All of the winning bidders are UK based with two of the contracts being awarded to East coast firms. The agreements are for the construction of the Galloper offshore wind farm O&M base and its associated infrastructure at Harwich International Port.

The preferred bidders have been confirmed as Ipswich based R G Carter for the construction of the O&M building; Ipswich based Jackson Civil Engineering Group, for the construction of the access road; and Farrans Construction, for the fabrication and installation of the pontoon.

A planning application is currently being progressed for the O&M building and infrastructure; if successful and the development is given the green light, the three construction contracts will become live.

Galloper Operations & Maintenance Manager, Sean Chenery said: “The O&M base will be the hub for all of the activity to maintain and operate the wind farm over its 23 year life. Therefore these contracts and the construction of the base would signify the beginning of a major long-term investment and jobs boost for the area.”

He added: “We were very impressed with the expertise and professionalism of all of the selected preferred bidders. They will be integral to helping us deliver the state-of-the-art Galloper renewables base in Harwich.”

James Wilson, Director and General Manager at R G Carter which has been established in Essex for nearly 40 years and employs 45 people, said: “R G Carter is delighted to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this innovative project. This facility will not only benefit the local community but will also involve substantial investment into the local economy for years to come.”

A decision is expected later this Summer on the planning application for the Operations & Maintenance base.

The construction of the Galloper project, which is expected to be complete by Spring 2018, is being led on behalf of the project partners by innogy SE. Once operational the project will generate enough power for up 336,000 homes<sup>1</sup>.

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#### **Notes to editor**

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm is a wind farm in construction about 30km off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an expected investment potential of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 336,000 average UK households (FN1). Following Financial Close of the project in October 2015 the GWFL project announced the equal joint equity partnership of 25% each between RWE Innogy UK (now innogy SE), UK Green Investment Bank, Siemens Financial Services and Macquarie Capital.

#### **About innogy SE**

innogy SE is Germany's leading energy company, with revenue of around €44 billion (2016), more than 40,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Grid & Infrastructure, Retail and Renewables, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its 23 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services

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<sup>1</sup> Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to suitable reanalysis weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of up to 336MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.

which enable them to use energy more efficiently and improve their quality of life. The key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as several countries in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, especially the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the MENA region (Middle East, North Africa), with a total capacity of 3.7 gigawatts. As a leader of innovation in future-oriented fields like eMobility, we are represented in the international hot-spots of the technology industry such as Silicon Valley, Tel Aviv, London and Berlin. We combine the extensive expertise of our energy technicians and engineers with digital technology partners, from start-ups to major corporates. With planned capital investments of around €6.5- €7.0 billion (2017-2019), we are building the power market of the future and driving forward the transformation of the energy market.

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#### Renewables

With an installed capacity of more than 900 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 1900 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Our aim is to take the expansion of renewables in Europe further in the short term, both on our own and working with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands and Poland. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in onshore and offshore wind power. We are also looking at entering new markets and technologies, such as large-scale photovoltaic plants.

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