

Local firm Jones Bros wins circa £20million contract to help build 27 turbine Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm

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- **It marks a significant step towards construction starting on the wind farm**

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Innogy Renewables UK Ltd is pleased to announce that a significant contract has been awarded to a local business in North Wales for works on its latest onshore wind farm, Clocaenog Forest.

The wind farm will consist of 27 turbines within the working forest which is managed by Natural Resources Wales.

The contract worth around £20million has been placed with leading civil engineering contractor Jones Bros, a family firm whose head office and training base in Ruthin, Denbighshire is just ten miles from the site where the wind farm will be built.

The infrastructure contract will see the construction of 8km of new access tracks and the upgrade of 20km of existing tracks; 27 turbine bases and crane pads; plus an on-site control building with a 33kv/132kv substation.

Andy Clayton, Clocaenog Forest Project Manager said:

“We are delighted to be working with Jones Bros to deliver innogy’s largest UK onshore windfarm and in doing so, delivering on our commitments to work with local companies where possible.”

The wind farm will provide work for 60 employees, plus 14 apprentices and trainee engineers, with construction set to begin in late March.

Tanya Davies, innogy Renewables UK’s Head of Business Development commented:

“This contract placed with Jones Bros is a significant step towards construction starting on the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm. We are particularly pleased at the direct benefits the contract will bring in terms of supporting jobs in and around the local Ruthin and wider North Wales area.”

Jones Bros Contracts Manager, Eryl Roberts, said:

“This contract has special significance for the company. The vast majority of our employees live locally to our Ruthin base. This project will ensure that a good portion of our existing skilled staff and apprentices are provided with local work.

We'll be basing eight existing apprentices there and creating four new apprenticeships during 2018. We'll also recruit two trainee civil engineers for this project.

Wages will be spent locally, so the economy immediately surrounding the wind farm gets maximum benefit from the developer's investment.

We're also going to be using local North Wales suppliers for aggregates, sand and cement, plus as many other local suppliers and services as possible. It's a win-win for everyone."

Once operational, the wind farm will have the capacity to generate enough renewable electricity to address the equivalent energy needs of approximately 63,800 UK homes. It will also provide a community investment fund worth up to £768,000 per annum.

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