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Planning approval heralds £multi-million investment for Harwich

- ***Galloper Offshore Wind Farm Operations & Maintenance base approved***
- ***Summer construction to start on state of the art, purpose-built facility***
- ***Secures jobs and investment for the area for next two decades***

Tendring District Council and the Marine Management Organisation today [input date] gave the go ahead for the multi-million pound, state of the art Galloper Offshore Wind Farm Operations and Maintenance (O&M) base to be built in Harwich. The base will be the hub for operations and maintenance activity related to Galloper Offshore Wind Farm which is expected to have an operational lifetime of twenty three years.

Sean Chenery, Galloper Wind Farm O&M Manager said: “This is great news, not just for Galloper Wind Farm but also Harwich, Tendring and the wider east coast area. The lifetime of the wind farm will be at least twenty three years, securing long-term jobs and investment. That commitment has already started, with our team working from the area, as we look forward to construction of our state of the art O&M facility. I’m also delighted that the firms supporting the build of are UK based, with two out of three being from the East coast. These deals are significant, and worth more than ten million pounds, so it represents a valuable boost for UK industry.”

The appointed companies will be responsible for the construction of the base and its associated infrastructure at Harwich International Port. The preferred bidders are Ipswich based R G Carter Southern for the design and construction of the building; Ipswich based Jackson Civil Engineering Group, for the design and construction of the access road; and Farrans Construction, for the design, fabrication and installation of the pontoon.

The Galloper Operations & Maintenance Base will comprise a 24/7 control room to monitor

and control all wind farm activity; a purpose built pontoon for project vessels; a gym; and office facilities for both innogy and Siemens Gamesa employees to work from. Early ground works are planned to commence in **July**. Construction of the base is expected to be completed in the summer of 2019, with the pontoon completed in late 2019. Helicopters will continue to fly to and from the Galloper field via the temporary helicopter facility located at Great Oakley Airfield.

Sean Chenery added: “There has been a tremendous amount of support for the base and the Galloper project from a number of individuals and organisations. In particular Tendring District Council have been incredibly helpful and supportive, as have The Haven Gateway partnership, the local MP and councillors, not to mention businesses, many of who took the time to attend our Supply Chain event last May. We look forward to becoming an established member of the community and continuing our work in the area.”

In March, a £50,000 Galloper Community Investment Fund for the Harwich area was announced. Applications to the fund are being administered on behalf of the Galloper project by Essex Community Foundation. Each year, from 2018 until 2022, £10,000 will be given to support charitable, educational and environmental activities.

During construction of the O&M base around 120 jobs are expected to be created. Once operational a further 120 full time equivalent jobs* are anticipated to be created with over half of these roles being East coast based.

Galloper is the 353MW offshore wind farm built approximately 30km of the coast of Suffolk. Construction of the wind farm was completed earlier this year with all turbines generating by the end of March. The project is owned by innogy SE, Macquarie Capital, Siemens Financial Services, Sumitomo, ESB and a consortium managed by Green Investment Group and Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets. innogy SE has led the development and construction of Galloper Offshore Wind Farm and its ongoing operation on behalf of the project partners

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Gallop Offshore Wind Farm is a wind farm 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 380,700 average UK households (FN1).

* Jobs will be based within Essex and Tendring and are based on direct, supply chain and induced spend impacts.

About innogy SE

innogy SE is a leading German energy company, with revenue of around €43 billion (2017), more than 42,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Renewables, Grid & Infrastructure and Retail, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its more than 22 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services 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 USA, with a total capacity of 3.9 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.

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We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Part of our portfolio are wind and hydro power plants as well as solar and biomass plants. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. Our aim is to expand renewables in Europe further, 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. With an installed capacity of more than 925 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 2100 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in wind power. That's why, in addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA and Ireland. Another growth technology is the construction of utility-scale photovoltaic power plants - for example in Australia.

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FN1: Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to long term weather data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of 353 MW. 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 4100 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.

