

Local community and businesses celebrate wind farm funding boost

- **innogy officially opens 10.2MW Dromadda Beg Wind Farm**
- **Local community celebrates €10,000 annual fund**
- **89% of labour and 70% of materials sourced regionally**

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Photographs of the event will be available from 14.00PM on Wednesday 10 April 2019

The inauguration of innogy's first wind farm in Ireland will be officially celebrated today (Wednesday 10 April) by Hans Bunting, Chief Operating Officer Renewables, innogy SE, with the announcement of a €10,000 annual funding award to the local community within 5km of the wind farm and including the whole village of Knocknagashel.

Pupils from Lyreacrompane National School and project contractors will join other invited guests at a special event in Tralee to mark the funding windfall and to celebrate the opening of innogy's 10.2 megawatt (MW), three turbine Dromadda Beg Wind Farm. As part of the school's green programme, pupils have named the three turbines: *The Three Amigos*.

Principal teacher, Ciara O'Connor said: "The pupils have worked hard on the school's application for their biodiversity green school flag. As part of our green school lessons, we recently enjoyed an energy workshop run by Killarney National Park where the pupils learned about both renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Finding out about how Dromadda Beg Wind Farm was built and naming the turbines has been a useful and fun learning experience for all the pupils in the school."

Hans Bunting said: "Ireland is going through a major energy transition, comparable to what Germany started many years ago. It is the Irish Government's intention that by 2050 your Irish homes, cars, workplaces, shops, schools and leisure centres will all be powered by energy from a renewable source that is generated in Ireland."

"The intention of innogy is to bring the energy transaction to a success. In 2016, we opened an Irish office and set up a team of local renewables experts. They laid the foundation for our first project, Dromadda Beg Wind Farm, which I am delighted to inaugurate today."

"But also important to us, when developing our projects, is that we are able to work with local and regional businesses in order to maximise the economic benefits to the local economy. I am delighted that during the €17 million construction, 89% of the labour we used came from within 40km of the site and 70% of the materials for the civil works have been procured from within 30km of the site."

“We are also committed to supporting the community activities and projects close to our projects. To that end, I am delighted that innogy will deliver a €10,000 annual community benefit fund to the local community.”

For further information on Drommada Beg Wind Farm please visit: www.innogy.com/dromaddabeg and for information on our Ireland portfolio, please email ireland@innogy.com

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About innogy SE

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Renewables at innogy

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 worldwide, 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. innogy is one of the major operators of offshore and onshore wind energy in Europe. In addition to wind power, we also want to grow utility-scale solar power plant. In addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA, Australia and Canada.