

## Press Release

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### Wind farm cluster represents a unique proposal

**Wind energy companies Infinergy, Eneco and E.ON have pledged to work closely together to ensure that more renewable power can be generated in the Highlands without compromising the area's natural beauty and ecology.**

The partnership pledge was announced as Infinergy unveiled plans to extend the already consented 17-turbine wind farm project at the Lochluichart Estate. It was also announced that the consented 17 turbine wind farm will be constructed and operated by Eneco, a leading Dutch utility that has strong green credentials having developed several wind farms in the Netherlands.

When E.ON's neighbouring Corriemoillie wind farm proposal on the Corriemoillie Estate is included, the wind farm cluster could comprise over 45 turbines, set in a single location and could be capable of generating green electricity for at least 70,000 households every year. The cluster would also at least save between 122,000 and 288,000 tonnes of the greenhouse gas CO<sub>2</sub> annually that would otherwise be emitted by conventional fossil fuel power generation.

Infinergy's Managing Director Esbjorn Wilmar explained: "The prospect of generating significant amounts of renewable electricity from one single area offers really unique advantages."

"The wind farm cluster will have a much lower visual impact than that of a number of separate wind farms that might be sited more widely across the area. The wind farm cluster will look integrated which is the most preferable option for the area."

The consolidated wind farm cluster will make an important contribution to the renewable energy targets that have been set by Highland Council and the Scottish Government as part of policy to ensure greater diversity and security of electricity supplies.

It is expected that the wind farm cluster will give a valuable boost to the local economy. Esbjorn Wilmar said: "Businesses will be able to tap in to the many opportunities that the proposal will bring to Garve and villages in the area and there will be job opportunities too. We have a chance to make a real difference by working together and with the community."

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### **Households supplied and carbon dioxide replaced**

The wind farm cluster could generate enough green electricity to meet the demands of at least 70,000 households every year. It would also replace emissions of at least between 122,000 and 288,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually over its anticipated lifetime of 25 years, had the electricity been sourced from fossil fuel power stations. These calculations take into account the intermittency of wind energy and are considered industry standard (source: BWEA).

### **Infinergy Ltd**

Infinergy is a wind farm development company, committed to the increase of renewable energy to help preserve our planet. We develop onshore wind farms throughout the UK. Infinergy is a wholly owned subsidiary of KDE Energy of the Netherlands, a renewable energy business developing onshore wind projects across Europe. For more information, please visit [www.infinergy.co.uk](http://www.infinergy.co.uk) and [www.kde-energy.com](http://www.kde-energy.com).

### **Eneco**

Eneco is one of the top three Dutch utilities. The company has strong green credentials and an impressive track record in renewables, having acquired Tullo Wind Farm near Laurencekirk, Aberdeenshire in 2008 and recently winning the Round 3 Crown Estate rights to develop a 900MW offshore wind farm of the Dorset/Hampshire coast. Eneco has also developed several onshore and offshore wind farms in the Netherlands. Eneco will construct and operate the consented 17-turbine Lochluichart Wind Farm. For more information, please visit [www.corporateuk.eneco.nl/pages/default.aspx](http://www.corporateuk.eneco.nl/pages/default.aspx).