

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Double whammy wind farm consents**

Fred. Olsen Renewables has welcomed the approval by Scottish Ministers for two of its onshore wind farm applications in two consecutive days. The consents for extensions to two operational wind farms, Windy Standard Wind Farm in Dumfries and Galloway and Crystal Rig Wind Farm in the Scottish Borders, will deliver enough electricity to power the equivalent of more than 300,000 homes annually and provide the local communities with more than £20m in community benefit during their lifetime.

Both applications were prepared and submitted on behalf of Fred. Olsen Renewables by the Dumfries and Galloway head-quartered renewable energy consultancy and service provider, Natural Power - which has supported both projects since their inception.

**Windy Standard Wind Farm**, located North East of Carsphairn and 10km south of New Cumnock, has been operational since 1996. It currently consists of 66 turbines and, combined with the newly consented extension of 20 turbines, will have an installed capacity of more than 150MW.

**Crystal Rig Wind Farm** is located approximately 11km south of Dunbar and 16.5km north-west of Duns, within the Scottish Borders. The original 25-turbine Crystal Rig Wind Farm first commenced operation in 2003. A further 60 turbines were added in 2010 and a further six in 2015. Combined with the 11-turbine extension, the wind farm will have an installed capacity of 262.5MW.

**Finley Becks-Phelps, UK Development Director, at Fred. Olsen Renewables** commented:

“We are delighted that the Scottish Government has granted consent for our applications. Both of these sites are significant in the history of onshore wind in Scotland. Windy Standard Wind Farm was the first to be consented in Scotland, and the second to be constructed. When it was first built, Crystal Rig Wind Farm was the largest onshore wind farm in the country.”

“Today’s decision goes a long way in helping to demonstrate the role that our existing onshore wind farms play in Scotland’s energy future and the opportunities we have to further contribute towards the country’s net zero ambitions by extending and repowering existing sites, where possible.

“Over the years, these projects have made a fantastic contribution locally. We will continue to working closely with communities to ensure that the social and economic benefits of both wind farms are realised, and maximised, locally.”

**Emily Galloway, Principal Project Manager at Natural Power**, added:

“Natural Power is delighted to have supported FORL in the successful delivery of these projects. A lot of effort from across the entire project team has been put into optimising the projects to maximise the generation of low cost, low carbon electricity whilst seeking to minimising the environmental effects. It is pleasing to see these efforts go rewarded.”

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**Notes to editors**

- [Fred. Olsen Renewables](#) has been an integral part of the renewable energy industry since the beginning. We made our first investment in wind power over twenty years ago and have grown to be one of the largest independent wind energy producers in the UK.
- To date we have developed, constructed and, now currently operate, over 500MW, capable of powering over 295,000 homes annually.
- Further information can be found at <https://fredolsenrenewables.com/wind-farms/united-kingdom/>
- [Natural Power](#) is an independent consultancy and service provider that supports a global client base in the effective delivery of a wide range of renewable projects including onshore wind, solar, renewable heat, energy storage and offshore technologies. It has a global reach, employing more than 400 staff across 12 international offices. Its experience extends across all phases of the project lifecycle from initial feasibility, through construction to operations and throughout all stages of the transaction cycle.