

## Press Release

**Date:** Thursday 20th March, 2008

**Subject:** Construction resumes on Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm

Work to construct the Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm restarts in April, with the continuation of the scour protection installation – an important part of the offshore wind turbine foundations.

Work was suspended at the site last winter in line with planning consent conditions that were agreed when the application to build Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm was approved in 2002.

During 2007, scour protection was installed at 13 of the 25 turbine foundation locations at the Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm site. The remaining scour protection is now set to be laid on the seabed at the 12 remaining offshore turbine locations.

The dredger vessels 'MS Margrethe Fighter' and 'Aase Madsen' will be laying rocks, to a thickness of up to 1.5 metres. Both vessels will be operating out of the Port of Mostyn in Flintshire.

The rocks, which have been sourced from the Penrhyn Slate Quarry near Bangor, Gwynedd, will prevent localised erosion of the seabed around the turbine foundations.

A Notice to other sea-users in the area is being issued this week to inform them of the scour protection works.

The laying of scour protection marks the first stage of the offshore foundation works, with further foundation installation activity expected to start later in April. Depending on weather conditions, the foundation installation work is expected to finish in July 2008, with other works to follow. The entire wind farm project is expected to be completed by July 2009.

npower renewables will be communicating full details of the forthcoming works more widely across north Wales via the first of our Rhyl Flats Offshore Wind Farm Construction Newsletters, the npower renewables website [www.npower.renewables.com/rhylflats](http://www.npower.renewables.com/rhylflats), and through the local media.

Newsletters will be available from Monday 7 April, at local distribution points across the north Wales area as follows:

### **Conwy**

- Llandudno Library, Mostyn Street, Llandudno, Conwy LL30 2RP.
- Towyn & Kinmel Bay local community centres and churches.
- Bay of Colwyn Town Hall Rhiw Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7TE.
- Conwy Road Sub Post Office, Conway Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7LW.
- Old Colwyn Post Office, Abergele Road, Colwyn Bay, LL29 9LN.
- Conwy Post Office, 7 Lancaster Square, Conwy, LL32 8HT.
- Conwy Town Council notice-board, at Guildhall, Conwy, LL32 8DU.

### **Ynys Môn**

- Libraries, leisure centres and council offices.

### **Denbighshire**

- Pavilion Theatre, The Promenade, Rhyl, LL18 3AQ.
- Rhyl Tourist Information Centre, Rhyl Children's Village, West Parade, Rhyl, LL18 1HZ
- Rhyl Community Centres.

### **Anglesey**

- Local libraries, leisure centres and council offices

## Flintshire

- Flintshire County Council libraries, leisure centres and receptions of council buildings.

The full list of local distribution points will be posted on the npower renewables website at [www.npower-renewables.com/rhylflats](http://www.npower-renewables.com/rhylflats), and the newsletter will also be available to download from the website from Monday, 7 April, 2008.

If you are unable to find a copy of the newsletter, and would like us to send you one in the post, or if you would like a larger print version of the content, please call Judith Roberts on 0151 648 0896.

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## Editors notes

- npower renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy developers and operators, committed to developing and operating wind farms and hydro plant to produce sustainable and environmentally-friendly electricity. The company operates 16 hydroelectric power schemes and 19 wind farms in the UK, including the country's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle. npower renewables is also working with marine energy technology partners to deliver new wave and tidal stream power projects in the UK.
- Through our existing projects and those in development, we are working in close partnership with communities and companies throughout the UK. As Government policy drives the UK towards a target of supplying 10% of electricity from renewables by 2010, and 15% by 2015, we will be at the forefront of realising this aim.

- In Wales, the company operates seven hydroelectric power schemes in North Wales, the UK's first major offshore wind farm, North Hoyle, off the North Wales coast and seven onshore wind farms from Neath in south Wales to Anglesey in the nNorth.
- npower renewables is a fully owned subsidiary of RWE Innogy, and sister company to RWE npower, a leading integrated UK energy company, whose activities include the co-firing of biomass and the implementation of a major energy efficiency programme. RWE npower, is a major employer in Wales, operating Aberthaw Power Station and two Combined Heat and Power plants at Barry and Bridgend. In all, RWE's installed conventional and renewable energy generation in Wales supplies the equivalent of around one-third of Wales' electricity needs.
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