

EDF Renewables in the UK announces expansion in Edinburgh

EDF Renewables in the UK has opened an extension to its existing office in Edinburgh to accommodate 60 new jobs created on the Neart Na Gaoithe offshore wind farm project. Derek Mackay MSP, the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, has marked the official opening today (Thu 16 May).

The expansion comes as part of the company's continued commitment and investment in Scotland. EDF Renewables in the UK will increase its Edinburgh team from 44 to over 100 at the Atria One building in Scotland's capital city.

A large number of the new team members have a particular focus on the Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) offshore wind farm which is planned to begin construction later this year. NnG has a capacity of up to 450 megawatts (MW) of low carbon energy, providing enough electricity to power more than 375,000 Scottish homes*, and will offset over 400,000 tonnes of CO² emissions each year.

EDF Renewables is one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies developing, building and operating energy generation projects with a focus on onshore and offshore wind as well as battery storage and other new technologies. In Scotland there are already eight onshore wind farms which have a capacity of 496 MW and we have over 2 GW in development.

Today's announcement comes on the back of EDF Renewables' Dorenell Onshore Wind Farm in Moray being commissioned in March this year. This project has a capacity of 177 MW and is the largest onshore wind farm in Europe for EDF Renewables.

Matthieu Hue, CEO of EDF Renewables in the UK, said: "This is an exciting time for EDF Renewables in the UK and today's announcement is another example of our continued commitment to Scotland.

"We continue to actively seek routes-to-market for onshore projects in Scotland as well as looking at more opportunities for offshore wind and battery storage. We are focused on our remote island wind project in Stornoway and have more than 2 GW of projects in our development pipeline which demonstrates how important Scotland is to us."

Economy Secretary, Derek Mackay, said: “The expansion to EDF’s offices here in Edinburgh shows its strong commitment to investing in Scotland and reflects the value of our huge natural resources and our progressive and pro-business policies. “Projects like the Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm will add to what is a growing industry for Scotland, with huge potential for further economic benefit and job creation. The Scottish Government is determined the supply chain and economic benefits of this industry will be fully realised.”

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About EDF Renewables in the United Kingdom

EDF Renewables is one of the UK’s leading renewable energy companies which develops, builds and operates generation projects with a focus on onshore and offshore wind as well as battery storage technology. We also look after the operations and maintenance of our own wind farms. The company already operates more than 965MW of wind farms and battery storage (including 496 MW in Scotland) and has more than 2GW consented and in development. The company employs more than 200 people. It is a joint venture between EDF Energy and EDF Renewables.

About Neart na Gaoithe (NnG)

Neart na Gaoithe means ‘strength of the wind’.

NnG is a key UK offshore wind farm project and, with up to £2billion invested in its infrastructure, will have a major positive impact on the Scottish economy.

NnG is located off the east coast of Scotland, 15.5 km off the Fife coast and covers an area of approximately 105 km². EDF Renewables acquired NnG in 2018.

About Dorenell Wind Farm

Dorenell wind farm is a 177 MW wind farm in Moray which was commissioned in March 2019. It is EDF Renewable largest onshore wind farm in Europe and uses 59 x3 MW machines.

* Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published July 2018)