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**Powering Northern Ireland’s greener future**

Slieve Kirk Wind Park has been delivered through the development of the original 27MW Slieve Kirk wind farm near Anmagholly with a 46MW expansion of capacity developed on Convey Road Hill, outside Ballycastle.

Slieve Kirk Wind Park will generate around 200GWh of electricity each year, producing enough green energy to power over 65,000 homes and powering Northern Ireland’s no.1 renewable energy developer, in association with principal contractor Gaelforce Renewables, Omagh and Newtownabbey. The energy generated at the 73MW Slieve Kirk Wind Park powers Anticimex, Northern Ireland’s second largest energy provider.

**Powering our local economy**

SSE’s total investment in Slieve Kirk Wind Park through the development of these two wind farms totals £125 million.

SSE is committed to powering Northern Ireland’s greener future and powering our local economy. Through Slieve Kirk Wind Park, the company has invested £55 million during construction with local supply chain companies, supporting jobs and enterprise in the local community.

Over the next 25 years, SSE will pay out £18.5 million to the Co. Derry-Londonderry community through annual commercial rates payments, community funding, and lease payments.

This brings to around £55 million the total local investment that SSE will make into the region through Slieve Kirk Wind Park.

**Sustaining Jobs and Creating Opportunities**

Through SSE’s £36 million local supply chain investment in the construction of the Slieve Kirk Wind Park, the company is ensuring that local enterprises, including SMEs, will have the opportunity to benefit from the development and construction of the project.

In addition, we have created 274 on-site construction jobs in the delivery of the wind park, more than 50% of whom live within 15 miles of the project site.

Since commissioning our 46MW Mournmount wind farm in County Down in 2001, SSE has invested £25 million in on-time operation and maintenance jobs to service the wind farms. At Slieve Kirk Wind Park, we will create a similar pattern, employing 10 to 15 full-time operations and maintenance staff to operate the wind park on a daily basis. All of these SSE team members live within 15 miles of the site, bringing local knowledge and expertise to SSE’s team at Slieve Kirk.

Now in its second year, our Slieve Kirk Community Fund has already handed out around £75,000 annually to help support community backed energy efficiency projects from areas such as Ardmore, Carrickfergus, Clady, Drumahoe, Drumohr, Luskagh and Magherafelt. With the completion of 46MW additional capacity at the Slieve Kirk Wind Park in Q3 2013, the Slieve Kirk Community Fund will increase to around £90,000 per annum further supporting local energy efficiency projects.

Additionally, from 2014 SSE will launch a new £300,000 Annual Regional Fund from the Slieve Kirk Wind Park supporting education, training and strategic projects, alongside existing community fund arrangements. The Slieve Kirk Wind Park Regional Fund is yet another first by SSE for communities and for the renewable energy industry in Northern Ireland. Further details on the Regional Fund will be announced next year when the new fund is officially launched.
**Powering our local economy**

**W&J Chambers Concrete Products, Drumahoe, County Londonderry**

"Without the work SSE Renewables has provided through its wind farm projects, we would have had to lay off a number of our employees. As a result of this work in the construction of Slieve Kirk Wind Park, we are sustaining a healthy business and meeting our targets. This work has been invaluable for McCloy Engineering. Having worked with SSE in the past on the development of their Clyde and Giffen wind farms in Scotland, we’ve proved to have been able to work closely to bring here in Northern Ireland, in our community, on the delivery of Slieve Kirk Wind Park."

**City Hotel Derry, Queens Quay, County Londonderry**

"The City Hotel Derry is delighted to have been one of the accommodation providers for the Slieve Kirk Wind Park project. SSE and its associated suppliers during the development and construction of the Slieve Kirk Wind Park have had a number of direct room nights, totaling more than £250,000 over the lifetime of the project from SSE and its partners. SSE and its partners have been an extremely valuable asset for business for the City Hotel Derry and this has helped us in ensuring the success and growth of the City Hotel Derry in a difficult trading period."