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## RES TO APPEAL GLENCHAMBER WIND FARM DECISION

RES, the company proposing the 11-turbine Glenchamber Wind Farm, has submitted an appeal against Dumfries and Galloway Council's refusal to grant full planning permission.

RES submitted plans for Glenchamber Wind Farm, located between New Luce, Kirkcowan and Glenluce, in October 2010. On 28 September 2011, despite being presented with strong evidence that the wind farm would have no environmental or social impacts of significance, the Council's Planning Applications Committee voted to refuse consent for the wind farm. The project was refused on the grounds of landscape and visual impact, cultural heritage and potential impacts on a Ministry of Defence (MoD) radar at West Freugh.

**Dave Eastman, Project Manager, commented:** *"We have a strong case for an appeal, since the committee meeting, the MoD has reassessed the wind farm and they have now removed their objection. Whilst Dumfries and Galloway Council raised objections on the grounds of effects on landscape character, adverse visual effects and impacts on the historic environment, this position is not supported by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Historic Scotland."*

Glenchamber Wind Farm will bring significant local benefits. Not only will the wind farm provide environmental benefits it will also bring community benefits through establishing a community fund of around £50,000 per year to be distributed within those communities surrounding the wind farm.

The appeal has been submitted to The Scottish Government Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals and an independent Planning Reporter will determine the outcome.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development since the 1970s, RES has developed and/or built more than 5 GW of wind energy capacity worldwide, including around 10% of the UK's wind energy. In Scotland, RES has developed and/or owns seven



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wind farms. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies (biomass, solar, onshore and offshore wind, wave and tidal). For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)

2. Glenchamber Wind Farm was refused on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 by Dumfries and Galloway's Planning Applications Committee. As set out in the Town and Country (Scotland) Act (1997) amended by the Planning (Scotland) Act Etc. (2006), an appeal against this decision must be made within 3 months. RES submitted the appeal on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011.

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