

RPMI Railpen and GreenPower secure deal on Carraig Gheal Wind Farm



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GreenPower is delighted to announce it has secured a new finance partner with the sale of a 90% majority stake in its 46MW Carraig Gheal Wind Farm in Argyll and Bute, Scotland to RPMI Railpen ("Railpen"), which manages £30 billion of assets on behalf of the railways pension schemes. The independent Scottish renewable energy company, GreenPower, has ambitious growth plans and says that the deal will provide them with both a strong financial base for growth, and a new partner to work with on future projects.

The wind farm, comprising twenty 2.3MW turbines was commissioned in 2013 and benefits from the Renewables Obligation.

Robert Forrest, Chief Executive and owner of GreenPower, commented "We are delighted to welcome Railpen as partners at Carraig Gheal, a project which is a significant part of our portfolio.

"This is a great example of an independent Scottish renewable energy company developing projects to provide benefits not just to local communities and to tackle climate change but also to benefit pension funds for workers across the country. This type of partnership and model for investment provides a valuable asset contributing towards paying scheme members' pensions, as well as helping safeguard the future of the planet for young people. We look forward to working with them on this and other opportunities in the future, as we help to deliver a zero-carbon economy."

Lewis Vanstone, Deputy Portfolio Manager of Railpen's Long-term Income Fund said "The substantial investment in Carraig Gheal Wind Farm fits naturally into our acquisition strategy. The project's operating track record, as well as its sustainable, long-dated and asset-backed income characteristics provide the exact qualities that are attractive for our Long-term Income Fund. The experience and expertise of our partner, GreenPower, ensure this deal will be of great long-term value for our scheme members."

GreenPower, who retain 10% of the project, was the original developer of the project and will provide the project company with Asset Management services.

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Notes

The Transaction

Railpen was advised by Pinsent Masons LLP, Ernst & Young LLP and Everoze.

GreenPower was advised by Gneiss Energy, Wood, CMS and RSM.

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm

Carraig Gheal is a 46MW onshore wind farm, located to the west of Loch Awe in Argyll & Bute, Scotland. The project comprises 20 Siemens 2.3MW wind turbines, sub-station and control buildings and included the construction of a 35km access road. The project is connected to the 132kV transmission system. The project was commissioned in 2013 and benefits from support under the Renewables Obligation until 2033.

<http://www.carraighealwindfarm.co.uk/news.html>

Railpen

Railpen is the investment manager for the Railways Pension Scheme, one of the UK's top five pension funds. It is responsible for investing railway pension scheme funds on behalf of members to achieve their mission of paying members' pensions securely, affordably and sustainably. To accomplish this they invest in projects that generate strong investment returns over the long-term.

GreenPower

GreenPower is an independent originator, developer, owner and operator of renewable energy assets with projects in onshore wind, hydro and solar. Founded in 2000, GreenPower is based in Alloa, central Scotland and has a specialist team leading development, construction, acquisitions and operation of renewable assets. GreenPower has consented over 270MW of renewable assets and currently have projects in development of over 170 MW.

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