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Dear [recipient],

Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

I would like to thank you for your previous interest in the establishment of the Carraig Gheal Wind Farm Community Benefit fund.

We are pleased to announce that the fund will be launched this autumn. Following the consultations on the fund, we have set out in the attached report how the fund is to be established and operate.

In setting out the approach to managing the fund we have tried to take into account as far as possible the representations made during the consultation process. It is worth commenting on a few of the key decisions we have taken.

A number of fund management structures were considered with the community preference for a dedicated fund, with its own administration and a local decision making body.

We are supporting that approach through the establishment of a dedicated wind farm fund, managed by a Steering Group comprised of local representatives. This group will guide the strategic use of the funds and will make decisions on specific funding applications.

After careful evaluation of the administrative options, we decided that we would prefer to employ someone locally to carry out the fund administration role, with support, where necessary, from the GreenPower finance team. The fund administrator will support the steering group, providing a first point of contact for the fund and dealing with all the day to day operational matters. We hope that by appointing a local contact for the fund, we are maximising local benefit from the wind farm and forging more effective links between our business and the local communities over the next 25 years.

I would like to emphasise that the costs of the fund administration will be met entirely by GreenPower and will not affect the funding available.

There was considerable interest in where the funds might be allocated. We have decided not to set a requirement for a specific funding boundary, taking into account the complex geography of the area and the scattered nature of settlements. However, we have reflected in the Steering Group membership the need for representation from local community councils covering or bordering the Wind Farm site. We also propose that the steering group

membership includes some individuals and have set out a process for their nomination or election to the group. Details of the process and timing for submitting nominations will be available on the wind farm web site (www.carraighealwindfarm.co.uk) following the first meeting of the Steering Group.

We hope to be in a position to convene the first meeting of the Steering Group before the end of the year.

The contributions to the fund will be backdated to commence from November 2013 when our income from the wind farm commenced. The initial funding available should therefore be in excess of £65,000.

We thank you for your patience in the establishment of this fund and we look forward to working with the local community in its delivery for the next 25 years.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Forrest
Director
For and on behalf of
GreenPower (Carraig Gheal) Limited