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Powering the Transition: RWE completes an investment of £73 million across three UK power stations

- **Major investment programmes completed at Great Yarmouth, Didcot B and Markinch Power Stations**
- **Projects will help strengthen flexibility, resilience and reliability across RWE's UK generation fleet**
- **Investments support the continued delivery of secure electricity supplies alongside growing renewable generation**

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RWE has completed an investment of around £73 million across three of its UK power stations to support their continued contribution to a reliable and flexible electricity system.

Major engineering programmes at Great Yarmouth Power Station in Norfolk, Didcot B Power Station in Oxfordshire and Markinch Power Station in Fife have involved more than 1,000 specialist engineers and contractors from across the UK and Europe.

The programmes included extensive inspections, refurbishment work, major equipment replacements and infrastructure upgrades. Together, they will strengthen the reliability, operational flexibility and long-term performance of the three stations.

As the UK's leading power generator, RWE operates a broad portfolio of renewable and flexible generation assets across the country. From offshore wind farms and biomass generation to gas-fired power stations capable of responding rapidly to changing demand, the company's diverse fleet plays a vital role in supporting Britain's energy security and renewable energy ambitions.

As renewable generation continues to grow, flexible power stations remain important in helping to meet changing electricity demand and maintain security of supply when other sources of electricity are less available.

Marinus Tabak, Chief Operating Officer, RWE Generation, said: "The UK's future electricity system will need a diverse mix of renewable generation and flexible, reliable assets that can respond whenever they are needed.

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“Our investments at Great Yarmouth, Didcot B and Markinch demonstrate RWE’s long-term commitment to maintaining the critical infrastructure that supports security of supply and system resilience. These projects will help the stations to continue to make an important contribution to Britain’s electricity system for years to come.”

At Great Yarmouth, RWE has completed one of the largest engineering projects in the station’s history. The investment will enhance the station’s safety, reliability, efficiency and operational flexibility, supporting its operation into the next decade and beyond.

Nearly 700 people were mobilised to support the programme, with an average of more than 250 people working at the station each day. Around 40 contract partners contributed to its delivery, including local businesses from across Norfolk.

At Didcot B, RWE has completed a major inspection, maintenance and upgrade programme.

The work covered key parts of the station’s boilers and cooling water system, including the cooling towers, pipework and condenser systems. Engineers also carried out inspections, maintenance and repairs across major pumps, gas turbines, gas systems and valves.

RWE has installed new start-up and preservation technology to improve the plant’s efficiency, flexibility and competitiveness.

At Markinch, RWE has completed the station’s largest and most significant overhaul programme. The project included major equipment inspections, the replacement of critical boiler components and specialist generator work designed to support the station’s long-term reliability and operational performance.

At the height of the programme, around 250 specialist contractors worked at the site alongside engineering teams from the UK, Germany and the Netherlands.

Together, the three programmes demonstrate RWE’s continued commitment to maintaining the reliable and flexible generation assets that support Britain’s energy security and complement the growth of renewable electricity.

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RWE is shaping the energy world of tomorrow. To this end, the company is investing billions of euros in offshore and onshore wind, solar energy, battery storage, flexible generation assets and, through its shareholding in Amprion, in the expansion of Germany's transmission grid. The portfolio is complemented by its global energy trading business. RWE is already one of the leading companies in the field of renewable energy. Around 20,000 employees work for the company worldwide. With its integrated portfolio and broad project pipeline, RWE is ideally positioned to meet the growing global demand for electricity driven by electrification and artificial intelligence. At the same time, the company is making an important contribution to ensuring a secure, affordable and climate friendly energy supply. RWE is decarbonising its business in line with the 1.5-degree reduction pathway, will phase out coal by 2030 and aims to achieve net zero by 2040 – fully in line with the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

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