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GALLOPER BRINGS £50,000 WINDFALL FOR HARWICH COMMUNITY

- ***£10,000 per annum, community funding for next five years***
- ***Applications for funding are welcomed now***
- ***Fund will be administered by Essex Community Foundation***

The team behind the Galloper Offshore Wind Farm Operations & Maintenance base, have today announced a £50,000 Community Investment Fund. Applications to the fund will be administered on behalf of the Galloper project by Essex Community Foundation (ECF). Each year, from 2018 until 2022, ten thousand pounds will support charitable, educational and environmental activities in Harwich.

Galloper is the 353MW offshore wind farm currently being built by innogy approximately 30km of the coast of Suffolk. Construction is nearly complete, with over half of the offshore turbines already fully commissioned.

The project has established a temporary Operations & Maintenance Base at Harwich International Port and awaits the outcome of a planning application for the permanent Operations & Maintenance facility which will support the wind farm for its lifetime of around twenty-three years.

Galloper Operations & Maintenance Manager, Sean Chenery, said: “The Galloper Operations & Maintenance base is already set to secure significant jobs and investment for the Harwich area as a result of its day-to-day operations over the wind farm’s lifetime, but this Community Investment Fund is a way for the wider community to benefit by supporting a range of invaluable local projects and initiatives.

He added: “Essex Community Foundation, who will manage the fund on our behalf, has

extensive experience of administering similar funds, including for some of our other projects, and we're delighted to be working with them again. Applications are welcome now and more details will be available on the Galloper and Essex Community Fund websites."

Caroline Taylor, Chief Executive of Essex Community Foundation said: "We are delighted to be administering this Fund on behalf of innogy. This commitment to the Harwich community, through annual funding, will have a significant impact on the work of local charities and voluntary organisations."

Since it was founded in 1996, the Essex Community Fund (ECF) has awarded more than £31 million in grants from the charitable funds that it manages on behalf of individuals, families, companies and public agencies who want to make a difference in their local community.

For further information about the Galloper Offshore Wind Farm go to www.galloperwindfarm.com.

For more information about ECF and to apply for a grant go to www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ or call ECF's grants team on 01245 356018.

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For more information about the Galloper Wind Farm visit:

www.galloperwindfarm.com

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Notes to editor

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm is a wind farm in construction about 30km off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an expected investment potential of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 380,700 average UK households (FN1).

The Power Boost feature increases the power output of each turbine by 5%, from 6.0MW to 6.3MW, and is enabled by increasing the rotational speed of the turbine during certain conditions, most notably when the wind speed is at its strongest. This improvement to the turbine power curve increases the power output of the wind farm from 336 MW to 353MW.

About innogy SE

innogy SE is a Germany leading energy company, with revenues of around €44 billion (2016), more than 40,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Grid & Infrastructure, Retail and Renewables, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its 23 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services which enable them to use energy more efficiently and improve their quality of life. The key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as

several countries in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, especially the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the MENA region (Middle East, North Africa), with a total capacity of 3.7 gigawatts.

Renewables

With an installed capacity of more than 900 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 1900 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. We plan, develop, finance, build, own and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Our aim is to take the expansion of renewables in Europe further in the short term, both on our own and collaboratively with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. Currently, we are particularly well represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands and Poland. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in onshore and offshore wind power; however, we are also looking at entering new markets and technologies, such as large-scale photovoltaic plants.

Galloper Project Partners



About Essex Community Foundation

- ECF is an independent charitable trust dedicated to improving the quality of life of people in Essex by investing and distributing funds on behalf of a wide range of donors.
- Since it was founded in 1996 ECF has distributed grants totalling £31 million to local voluntary and community organisations in Essex to support their vital work.
- ECF manages around 140 funds on behalf of individuals, families, companies and public agencies to help them channel their charitable giving in the most effective and efficient way, enabling them to support causes close to their heart and close to home.
- Voluntary organisations can apply for grant funding through ECF at any time. Each year ECF awards around £2.25 million in grants.
- People who want to make a lasting difference in the community can work with ECF in a variety of ways, ranging from setting up a named fund, making a one-off or regular contribution to ECF's Acorn Fund, or by leaving a legacy.
- For more details visit www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or call 01245 355947.