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# Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm deliveries continue in 2019

- Abnormal load deliveries to continue in New Year
- Applications open for volunteer grants panel members

South Wales, 21st December 2018

The last abnormal load to Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm for 2018 was made this week [Wednesday] and will now recommence in January 2019. The deliveries, transferring the turbine components from Swansea Port to site, were originally expected to be complete by the end of this year. However, due to weather delays on site, the period for deliveries has been extended.

Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm, will consist of 16 turbines, located between Ammanford and Clydach. The turbine components are being delivered under police escort from the Port of Swansea to site traveling along the M4 through Pontarddulais, Pontllew and to site via the Wind Farm's access route off Bolgoed Road. The components are being delivered to site as they are required, To date, over half of the components have been delivered to the wind farm.

Project Manager at innogy Tim James said: "To date we are really pleased with how deliveries have gone. We have worked closely with South Wales Police to avoid peak travel times, to take into account the local school runs and any localised traffic issues. There has been a great uptake to our text alerts and the team are doing their utmost to keep delays to a minimum. We'd really like thank road users for their patience during this period."

The abnormal load deliveries will now resume on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Construction is expected to be complete in late spring, early summer 2019. Once fully operational, Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm will produce enough electricity to power the equivalent needs of approximately 22,600<sup>1</sup> average Welsh homes.

The associated community funding worth £240,000 per annum for the operational lifetime of the wind farm, will also go live. This flexible funding has the potential to significantly benefit communities both very local to the project and more widely across Swansea. Applications are now open for the grants panel members for Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm Community Fund. Swansea Council for Voluntary Service who will administer the fund are looking for volunteers to join the grant giving panel. The deadline for applications is January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Details can be found on Swansea website: https://www.scvs.org.uk/news/mynyddygwair-panel-dec18

For more information on Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm visit: www.innogy.com/mynyddygwair.

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#### Renewables

We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Part of our portfolio are wind and hydro power plants as well as solar and biomass plants. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and Italy. Our aim is to expand renewables in Europe further, both on our own and working with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. With an installed capacity of more than 925 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 2100 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in wind power. That's why, in addition to our core markets, we are already active in new markets such as the USA and Ireland. Another growth technology is the construction of utility-scale photovoltaic power plants - for example in Australia.

#### Footnote

Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to meteorological models seeded with historical weather data obtained from satellite, surface-based and airborne measurement systems, which provide longer term data. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.