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UK firms get ready for nuclear construction orders

Horizon Nuclear Power today hailed the high turnout at events held this week in Wales and the South West, to signpost opportunities for contracts from its multi-billion pound power station projects.

The events, held on Tuesday 21st in Llandudno and Thursday 23rd May in Gloucester, were Horizon's first supplier conferences since its acquisition by Hitachi in November 2012, and attracted some 400 business representatives from across Wales and the UK.

The company plans to build between four and six nuclear reactors at sites on Anglesey in North Wales and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire.

Horizon Chief Operating Officer Alan Raymant, said: "We're delighted to have seen such a high turnout at these events, and more importantly to have enjoyed really constructive engagement with potential suppliers.

"Our projects can provide a real economic boost to the UK, and in particular to the regions around our sites – Wales and the South West of England. Early engagement is crucial to help ensure that suppliers can meet our needs in cost, quality and capacity, and to help make sure that UK businesses are well-positioned to benefit from the project."

Following her address to the conference in Llandudno Edwina Hart AM, Welsh Government Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, said: "I am very pleased the event was so well attended by businesses working across a wide range of sectors in Wales. They are all potential suppliers to the future development at Wylfa and it gave them an opportunity to learn more about the roles of Hitachi Ltd, Horizon and HGNE and their proposals for Wylfa.

"In particular, it presented participants with an early indication of project timetables and an overview of the work packages which may be tendered as the projects progress. I am delighted that Horizon is engaging with interested parties at this early stage."

UK Energy Minister Michael Fallon MP said: "Our industrial strategy has set out a long-term plan and commitment to the UK's nuclear industry, to foster exactly this sort of investment. By working in partnership with industry, we can give that confidence to invest, help build the supply chain and create high-skilled jobs here in Britain".

Secretary of State for Wales, Rt Hon David Jones MP, said: "Horizon's projects represent a £20billion investment in the UK economy and I am keen to see maximum benefit for Welsh and local firms. Holding their first supplier event since Hitachi's acquisition in Wales is a real sign of intent, and we are fully behind Welsh companies as they ready themselves to compete for work on the project and bring a real economic boost to Wales."

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Notes to editors

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK. The company was acquired by Hitachi Ltd of Japan in November 2012 from previous joint

owners RWE npower and E.ON UK.

- Horizon's developments at Wylfa and Oldbury will represent multibillion pound investments in the UK's infrastructure. Each is expected to create up to 6000 jobs at peak during the construction phase, and around 1000 during operation.
- We expect first nuclear construction in 2019, following substantial works on associated developments in 2018. However major site clearance and preparation works could start as early as 2015.

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