

Horizon Nuclear Power welcomes UK Ministers to Wylfa site

Horizon Nuclear Power today welcomed the UK Government's Energy Minister and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales to the proposed site for a new nuclear power station at Wylfa.

The Ministers visited Horizon's newly opened site office and met local stakeholders as part of a programme of engagements on Anglesey. Horizon praised the Government's clear commitment to nuclear new build progress on Anglesey.

Horizon Project Development Director Charlie Tasker said: "It was very pleasing to hear strong words of support from two key Ministers.

"Horizon and our shareholders are working closely with the local, UK and Welsh Government to secure new investors to take this project forward. Our newly opened site office will help ensure we can continue with important site activities, and hit the ground running under new ownership.

"A new nuclear power station on Anglesey would provide clean, secure and affordable electricity; whilst bringing a real economic boost to North Wales. Even at this early stage Horizon has already invested several million pounds in the local area and this would turn into hundreds of millions of pounds per year once construction began.

"Our project would create a huge range of long term, high quality, jobs, from construction workers, to caterers, to physicists and reactor operators - and everything in-between. We're already using local companies and supporting the next generation of workers on Anglesey through our on-going funding of Coleg Menai's North Wales apprenticeship company, Cwmni Prentis Menai."

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Notes to editors:

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed as a 50:50 joint venture of E.ON UK and RWE npower in January 2009 and moved into its Gloucestershire headquarters in November 2009.
- The company was formed with the aim of developing around 6GW of new nuclear capacity and its lead site is at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey.
- On 29 March 2012 E.ON and RWE announced that they no longer intended to pursue new nuclear developments in the UK, and that they were seeking new ownership for Horizon.

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