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Horizon names new nuclear power station project 'Wylfa Newydd'

Horizon Nuclear Power has announced that the new nuclear power station it plans to build on Anglesey will be called 'Wylfa Newydd' - the Welsh for 'New Wylfa' - in recognition of the opportunities and benefits it will bring to the island in the years ahead.

The name draws on the heritage of the existing Wylfa facility and recognises the new proposals represent far more than the physical presence of a new nuclear power station on the site. The project represents a multi-billion pound investment that will span many decades, boost the local economy and offer hundreds of long term career opportunities for local people.

Horizon Chief Operating Officer, Alan Raymant, said: "People have come to refer to our project as 'Wylfa B' because, until now, we hadn't given our new power station an official name. Since we were acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. last year, we've made a lot of progress but much of this work has been behind the scenes. Next year our project will start to gather pace in a way that is much more visible to local people, so we felt now was an appropriate time to announce the new name. Our proposal is not just about steel and concrete; it's about creating a new, positive and successful future for Anglesey."

The new name was unveiled during an evening reception held on Anglesey last night (14 November) during which stakeholders and local partners also heard that 2014 would see work resume on the company's Welsh Language Impact Assessment project – a major piece of work designed to assess the impact of a major infrastructure project on the Welsh language, suggest measures to mitigate against any potential negative effects and maximise potential benefits of the project.

Ahead of work resuming on its wider Welsh Language Impact work, Horizon has published its Welsh Language Policy – formalising the company's existing approach to using the Welsh language across the Wylfa Newydd project. Horizon will also provide £20,000 of funding support for Menter Môn enabling it to deliver projects which promote the language in the community. This includes the provision of community facilitators, community translation facilities and '*I understand it, but I don't speak it*'; informal sessions which help build people's confidence in speaking Welsh socially.

Horizon said designs are being worked up for two ABWR (Advanced Boiling Water Reactor) units as a single power station at the Wylfa Newydd site. These proposals, along with more details on the construction timetable, will be set out in detail in the second half of next year.

Alan Raymant continued: “2014 will be one of our busiest years on the project so far. Our colleagues at Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd. will move to the second stage of the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process with the Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency. This is the process through which the regulators ensure they’re completely satisfied the technology can operate safely. Later in the year, we’ll also be launching our first stage of public consultation, showing local people our early proposals and asking for their feedback. Wylfa Newydd has an important role to play on Anglesey and we’re looking forward to sharing our early plans with the people who could benefit most.”

Horizon will re-launch its Statement of Community Consultation in early in 2014, explaining how it intends to deliver its process of public consultation later in the year.

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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.
- Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd. (Hitachi-GE) is the technology provider and ‘delivery team’ leader for Horizon’s developments at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Hitachi-GE is owned 80.01% by Hitachi Ltd and 19.99% by GE.
- 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.
- Horizon holds grid connection agreements and owns land suitable for the development of new nuclear power stations at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Both sites are nominated for nuclear development under the National Policy Statement for Nuclear (EN-6).