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## RES WELCOMES APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH BORDERS WIND FARM

Leading renewable energy developer RES, has welcomed today's decision by the Scottish Government to give Penmanshiel Wind Farm the green light. Located near Grantshouse in the Scottish Borders, Penmanshiel will make an important contribution to Scotland's energy targets and deliver significant benefits to the local community.

RES submitted an appeal for a decision to be made on Penmanshiel Wind Farm in September 2012 to the Scottish Government on the grounds that Scottish Borders Council did not determine the application within the timescales it is required to meet. RES originally applied for 15 turbines at Penmanshiel Moor, however through the appeal process the turbine closest to the winding cairn was removed due to visual impacts.

**Ruth Elder, Penmanshiel Project Manager, comment:** *"We are delighted with the positive decision made by the Scottish Government today and we are pleased that through the removal of one turbine the project has been allowed to proceed. Working together to find solutions like this is an important part of delivering high quality renewable energy projects."*

The local community at Penmanshiel will receive a community benefits package of £5,000 per installed megawatt once the wind farm is operational. RES will be working with the local community to set up the community benefit fund of £2,000 per installed megawatt and will make available £3,000 per installed megawatt through its innovative Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS). Under RES' LEDS initiative those residential, business and community properties closest to Penmanshiel Wind Farm will receive a direct discount off their electricity bill for the lifetime of the wind farm without needing to change tariff or supplier.

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Notes to editors:

1. RES is one of the world's leading independent renewable energy project developers with operations across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of wind energy development for over 30 years, RES has developed and/or built more than 7,500MW of wind energy capacity worldwide. In the UK alone, RES currently has more than 1,000MW of onshore wind energy either



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constructed, under construction or consented. The RES Group is active in a range of renewable energy technologies including large-scale biomass, solar, wave and tidal and on-site renewable installations. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com)

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