Welcome to the first project newsletter for Raheenleagh Wind Farm, Co. Wicklow. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you up to date with the development of Raheenleagh Wind Farm as it progresses to construction and into operation.

The Raheenleagh Wind Farm will:
- Produce clean electricity for homes, farms, hospitals, schools and businesses in Ireland.
- Comprise 11 wind turbines and an on-site substation.
- Have a capacity to produce 35.2 Megawatts (MW) of electricity which will supply the equivalent of approximately 22,500 households.
- Include a Community Benefit Scheme that will provide funding to local projects and initiatives.
- Develop the local amenity and recreation by upgrading existing forest tracks to a higher standard.
- Improve the local economy by supporting local businesses.
- Contribute towards the Government’s target of sourcing 40% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020.
- Support the transition from reliance on imported, polluting fossil fuels to cleaner, locally-generated renewable energy.

About ESB
ESB is Ireland’s foremost energy company and the largest supplier of renewable electricity in Ireland. Through innovation, expertise and investment, ESB is leading the way in developing a modern, efficient electricity system, capable of delivering sustainable and competitive energy supplies to our customers. Every day, ESB works for a better energy future by investing in low carbon generating technologies, building smarter electricity networks and working with others to find innovative solutions to today’s energy challenges.

About Coillte
Coillte’s core purpose is to enrich lives locally, nationally and globally through the innovative and sustainable management of natural resources. Coillte is a commercial semi-state company operating in forestry, land based businesses, renewable energy and panel products. Established in 1988, the company currently employs approximately 1,000 people. It owns over 445,000 hectares of land, about 7% of the land cover of Ireland. Coillte’s forests are managed in accordance with strict environmental, social and economic standards.

The Raheenleagh Wind Farm is a joint venture between ESB and Coillte and will be constructed on the Coillte Raheenleagh Forest in Co. Wicklow. This joint venture between ESB and Coillte is an equal partnership.

ESB Wind Development’s Engineering team will manage the construction of the project. Coillte will be involved throughout, to ensure compliance with all environmental standards associated with the Raheenleagh forest.

Raheenleagh Wind Farm have appointed a dedicated Community Liaison Officer to the project. The Liaison Officer is available to meet residents to discuss any part of the works including the cable installation, construction traffic and road restrictions. For more information please contact us:
Call: 01 703 8404
Email: raheenleaghwindfarm@esb.ie
Our contact details are also available on our website: www.raheenleaghwindfarm.ie

PROJECT TIMELINE
April 2012 Planning Permission Granted
June 2015 Start Construction
February 2016 Main Site Construction Works Complete
April 2016 Commence Turbine Delivery To Site
October 2016 Commercial Operation Date

About Raheenleagh Wind Farm’s Project Team
Following an open and competitive tender process, Raheenleagh Wind Farm appointed a construction team to undertake the works for the Raheenleagh project.

The main construction works on site and the installation of the cable offshore, will be completed by Denis Moriarty The Kerries Ltd (DMKL). DMKL is an Irish company which has been in existence since 1970. The company has successfully completed over twenty wind farm civil contracts within the last ten years and are recognised specialists in wind farm construction throughout Ireland, the UK and Europe.

The electrical works will be undertaken by Gridpower Ltd, another Irish company. It is a multidisciplinary team of engineers with experience in the design and installation of major wind farm projects across Ireland and the UK.

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Established in 1927, ESB is a strong, diversified and vertically integrated utility. ESB operates right across the electricity market: from generation through transmission, and distribution to supply and employs over 7,000 staff. ESB also operates in a range of complementary sectors including telecommunications, international engineering consultancy and gas.

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Every effort will be made to minimise disruption to local residents and road users throughout the construction of all the works.