

SSE GRANTED CONSENT FOR FAIRBURN WIND FARM

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Scottish and Southern Energy plc (“SSE”) has been granted planning permission by The Highland Council to develop a 40MW wind farm at Fairburn in Ross-shire.

The wind farm will have 20 turbines and, subject to a final investment decision, construction work is expected to begin later this year. Its development will require investment of around £45m.

When Fairburn is commissioned, SSE will have 315MW of installed onshore wind farm capacity. This includes the Drumderg, Toddleburn and Achanay wind farms, all of which have planning consent and which are at various stages of development. It will be SSE’s eighth onshore wind farm.

SSE’s agreement to acquire Airtricity Holdings Ltd, when completed, will add 308MW of operating onshore wind farm capacity to its portfolio and 291MW of onshore wind farms with full consent and/or under construction.

In summary, following the granting of consent for the Fairburn development and the completion of the Airtricity acquisition, SSE will have over 900MW of onshore wind farm capacity in operation, under construction or with consent in the UK and Ireland.

Ian Marchant, Chief Executive of SSE, said: "This is a very good result which reflects the hard work of our project development team. The success at Fairburn means we have secured consent for four separate wind farm developments in 16 months. The combination of our growing portfolio of wind farm assets and those of Airtricity will

further reinforce our position as the UK's leading generator of electricity from renewable sources.”

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