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### RES REASSURES RESIDENTS THAT DEN BROOK WIND FARM WILL NOT CAUSE A NOISE NUISANCE

Having reviewed the materials presented in the recent court proceedings, we can confirm that there was a small error in the processing of the noise data used for the noise assessment. RES is sorry that this error occurred, but can reassure local residents that we are taking steps to correct the error as quickly as possible. We are currently assessing the best way to address this in order to ensure that the planning condition will take the slight change in the noise level into account and continue to offer full protection to local residents.

We would like to say that the difference between the data assessed in the Environmental Statement and the corrected data is so small that it will not be perceivable, as it is below levels that can be heard. We are concerned that the actual difference the error makes to noise levels is being exaggerated and that is understandably causing concern amongst local residents.

Furthermore, the design of the wind farm allowed for a large protective margin in our noise assessment, and this is still the case even after the correction is made.

Den Brook Wind Farm remains a low-impact project that can bring important environmental as well as local economic benefits to this part of Devon, without creating a noise nuisance. In the face of growing concern about climate change and the rising price of conventional fuels, it is essential that good quality renewable energy projects like Den Brook start contributing local clean, green energy as soon as possible. Devon and the Den Brook Wind Farm can play a valuable role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and helping to combat climate change.

Rachel Ruffle of RES said; *"We are ready to build this project and are confident that it will sit well in the area. We took great care to design the wind farm so that it would not be a noise nuisance. The error is miniscule in noise terms; nevertheless we are taking steps to correct it to ensure people are confident that they have their rightful protection. We are very sorry for the error but shocked at the way it is being exaggerated."*

Notes to Editors:

1. Den Brook wind farm was granted planning permission in February 2007 after a full public inquiry. A legal challenge then commenced. The first stage was quashed in the High Court but leave to appeal was eventually granted.

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