Gain industry knowledge to make informed decisions and business strategies

Monday 18th February 2002

08:30 Registration and coffee
09:00 Chairman’s opening remarks

OPENING KEYNOTE SESSION
09:10 Evaluating the planning consents process for offshore wind energy projects
- Developments with the DTI’s Guidance Notes and co-ordination of consents process
- Procedures involved in the local planning process and applications for offshore wind farms
- Future developments on the consents process

Robert Lilly
Consultant
DTI Offshore Renewables Consent Unit

09:50 The role of the Marine Consents & Environment Unit in consenting offshore wind farms
- Satisfying the requirements of the Food Environment Protection Act
- Sediment transport, coastal process and marine life in environmental assessment
- Conducting surveys and scoping plus gaining advice from CEFAS
- Consultation
- Charting the relationship with DTLR on navigational issues

Geoff Bowles
Head of Marine Consents & Environment Unit
DEFFRA

10:30 Morning break

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Tuesday 19th February 2002

08:30 Registration and coffee
09:00 Chairman’s opening remarks

09:10 The North Hoyle Offshore Wind Farm
David Bean
Project Manager, North Hoyle Offshore Wind Farm
National Wind Power Ltd

09:50 Project financing considerations for offshore wind energy projects
- How offshore differs from onshore wind projects
- Key project risks arising as a result
- Bank market considerations
- Impact of key risks on structures and risk mitigation
Shane Sandy
Manager, Global Energy Group
Econergy

10:30 Morning break

11:00 Tax & finance for offshore wind projects based on UK, Irish & European schemes
- Tax efficient finance
- European tax structures
- European finance structures
- The joint integration of tax and finance in offshore projects

Andrew Perkins,
Senior Manager,
Renewable Energy Group, Ernst & Young

11:40 Legal implications for wind farm developers – planning and consent issues
Mark Challis
Solicitor
Tennent Planning and Environment Group

12:20 Lunch

13:45 Development of Gunfleet Sands – involvement of stakeholder perspectives
Nigel Crowe
Solicitor Director UK
Econergy

14:25 Applying innovation to result in effective offshore foundation design
Hugh Bowman
Manager, Bi-Steel Technical Corus

14:50 Examining the financing implications for wind energy projects
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With interest in the wind energy sector increasing rapidly both onshore and offshore, companies involved in this industry are reviewing the options and mechanisms for financing their projects and planning their strategies. The UK Government recently announced plans to offer 400m in grants to support offshore developers with the first round of grants available from June 2002 but companies also need to consider other options for funding. However, investors have a number of objectives and requirements to evaluate before entering this market.

IBC Global Conferences in association with KPMG are running this one-day post-conference workshop to provide you with a perfect opportunity to learn about and examine all the financial issues. The workshop will be limited to a small number of delegates to ensure maximum contact with the workshop leaders and a chance for you to ask questions about real problems you are trying to overcome.

By attending this workshop you will benefit from the expertise and experience of the workshop leaders from KPMG.

The key issues that will be addressed will provide you with a comprehensive, user-friendly guide allowing you to assess the options, constraints and risks in this sector:
- Review of capital markets involved in the wind sector
- Project financing options
- Raising debt for wind projects – onshore and offshore
- Sources of equity and what investors are looking for
- Risk management solutions and strategies

Approach Workshop Timings
Registration 9.00am
Launch 1.00pm
Close of Conference 4.30pm
There will be a break in the morning and afternoon sessions

Post Conference Workshop
Wednesday 20th February 2002
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