

## HORIZON WIND ENERGY OPENS MEADOW LAKE I WIND FARM

HOUSTON, TX (Friday, Nov. 20, 2009) — Indiana's ranking as the fastest growing state in the nation for wind power growth over the past 24 months received another boost Thursday, as officials from Horizon Wind Energy, the U.S. subsidiary of EDP Renewables (EDP), the world's fourth largest wind energy player, stood alongside state and local dignitaries and project landowners in Brookston, IN to commemorate the start of operations at Meadow Lake I Wind Farm.

Phase one of the project, which is located in White County, has an installed capacity of 200 MW — enough to power approximately 60,000 average Indiana homes with clean, renewable energy each year.

"We are proud to be here today celebrating the start of operations at our first wind farm in the State of Indiana," said Horizon Wind Energy CEO Gabriel Alonso. "However, developing, constructing and operating a wind farm is not simple; just like assembling a puzzle, each project requires numerous complex pieces to fit together seamlessly. On behalf of Horizon Wind Energy and EDP Renewables, I'm extremely grateful to our landowners and partners in the community for contributing to — and providing the essential pieces needed — to complete this puzzle."

One of only a handful of operating wind farms in the Hoosier State, Meadow Lake I comprises 121 Vestas V82 1.65 MW turbines, each of which stand 262-feet tall. Electricity generated by the turbines' three-bladed rotors, which span 269 feet and rotate at 14 revolutions per minute, is being sold into the regional wholesale market. The associated energy credits are being used by businesses and organizations to comply with state renewable energy mandates or to voluntarily reduce the environmental impact of their operations.

The project's second phase, which is currently under construction and will consist of 66 Acciona AW-82 turbines, has a proposed installed capacity of 99 MW — enough to power 30,000 average Indiana homes annually with clean energy. Horizon Wind Energy's Development Team is working on additional phases that could potentially have an installed capacity of up to 700 additional MW in White and Benton Counties.

When combined, the first two phases of Meadow Lake Wind Farm, which rest on 37,000 acres, will prevent the annual emission of 960,000 tons of carbon dioxide, a contributor to climate change; nearly 3.3 million pounds of nitrogen oxide, which causes smog; and, 12.5 million pounds of sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain. The annual environmental benefits are equivalent to taking 104,000 cars off of the road.

"Indiana is becoming a leader in wind energy production, bringing many economic benefits to our state, helping to create jobs and increasing the use of clean, renewable energy," added State Sen. Brandt Hershman (R-Wheatfield).

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As the nation continues to rebound from the devastating recession, Meadow Lake I Wind Farm has been a boon for local job seekers. Horizon Wind's 20th project to come on line created 450 temporary jobs during construction and 10 permanent, full-time jobs in operations. The project has also yielded significant economic benefits to the community in the form of payments to landowners, local spending and annual community investment.

According to June 2009 statistics from the American Wind Energy Association, Indiana is an emerging player in the U.S. wind energy market. The state, which ranks 16th in the nation by existing capacity, has 604.15 MW currently under construction.

Horizon Wind Energy is working on phases that could potentially add 700 additional MW in White and Benton Counties. It is also considering additional projects in the state totaling 500 MW.

#### **About Horizon Wind Energy**

With over 20 offices, including one in Oklahoma, and more than 20 wind farms across the United States, Horizon Wind Energy has developed more than 3,400 MW and operates over 2,700 MW of wind farms.

Horizon is owned by EDP Renováveis S.A. ("EDPR"), a global leader in the renewable energy sector that designs, develops, manages and operates power plants that generate electricity using renewable energy sources. With a sound development pipeline, first class assets and market-leading operating capacity, EDPR has undergone exceptional development in recent years. EDPR's installed capacity increased four-fold between 2005 and 2007, becoming the fourth largest wind energy producer in the world. EDPR is listed on the Euronext Lisbon Stock Exchange.

Energias de Portugal, S.A. ("EDP"), the parent company of EDPR, is a vertically integrated utility company, headquartered in Lisbon, Portugal. Through its various constituent businesses, EDP holds significant electricity and gas operations in Europe, Brazil, and the United States.

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