



Press Release

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TUV NEL LEADS SUCCESSFUL CONSORTIUM TO MANAGE AND DEVELOP THE SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

Following a successful two year pilot phase Scottish Enterprise has committed funds to develop its Energy Technology Centre (ETC) in East Kilbride and expand its range of activities.

A new three year contract, structured to generate economic benefit in Scotland through innovative technologies, has been awarded by Scottish Enterprise to a consortium of businesses led by TUV NEL. The consortium comprises TUV NEL, New Park Management, Optimat, Orion Innovations and John Brown Engineering.

The new contract will ensure that the ETC can contribute to low carbon energy technology developments within the UK.

Under the broad themes of renewable energy and sustainable transport, ETC pilot scheme projects included work on small wind turbines, fuel cells, biomass gasification and the development of hybrid vehicles.

“Low carbon energy technology will be one of the most important areas of innovation in the next decade and the ETC will help to ensure that Scotland and the rest of the UK play a significant part in its development,” says Scottish Enterprise’s Terry Hogg. “The ETC’s two year pilot scheme proved that there is a really diverse range of strong ideas out there, which given appropriate support should secure our position as a global player in this vital sector.

“The new contract will allow the ETC to continue to develop its range of services and progress low carbon energy innovations towards commercial viability.”

The consortium provides expertise across a number of disciplines including energy technology development, marketing and management consultancy, through to the identification and accessing of funds.

“This is an exciting opportunity for technology innovators to draw upon the expertise available from the consortium partners with the full support of Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire,” says John Bingham, Head of TUV NEL’s Low Carbon Technologies business. “We believe that the ETC will bring tangible economic benefits for all stakeholders and help deliver potentially world leading technologies to market.”

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Editors Notes:

1) Scottish Enterprise has created the Energy Technology Centre to help realise the commercial potential of new energy related products and technologies. This unique facility provides a wide range of equipment and resources for developing, testing and demonstrating small-scale renewable and sustainable energy systems. For more information www.scottish-enterprise.com/energytechnologycentre

2) TUV NEL is a leading international technology services organisation. With a successful track record of more than five decades delivering world class innovative solutions to difficult problems we provide services, solutions and technology to clients across many industries including renewable & sustainable energy, oil & gas, water, process and government on a local and a global basis. It is part of the TÜV SÜD Group, a leading international service organisation. With over 11,000 employees, it is represented at more than 600 locations worldwide.

3) Consortium partners:

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Optimat is a business strategy and economic development consultancy. They have carried out a wide range of projects in the energy sector over the last 10 years supporting companies, universities, research organisations and government agencies across the UK.

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Orion Innovations is a specialist consultancy offering strategic and commercialisation support to companies in the low carbon sector. The company offers a combination of expertise based on hands-on experience and extensive practical experience in new business start and business growth. The team has good experience and understanding of the needs and challenges facing start up and growth phase business and the commercial landscape within which they operate.

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