



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **£5m for Local Communities**

Infinergy have today announced a community fund worth £5m to communities near to the proposed Lochluichart Wind Farm.

Wind farm developers Infinergy have been in negotiations with Highland Council regarding the community benefit fund that would be paid to local communities if the Lochluichart Wind Farm were to be approved by the Scottish Government. Chief Executive Charles Sandham said "As is customary with most wind farm developments, but particularly in the Highlands, we have been in talks for some time with the local authority regarding the community benefit that would be paid should the wind farm be approved by the Scottish Government. We have now agreed a figure of £2,750 per megawatt installed per annum for the 25 year life of the wind farm. We are now able to publish these figures as the negotiations have been completed to the satisfaction of both parties." He added "We have also agreed that there will be a fixed escalation index of 3% per annum."

The Lochluichart Wind Farm currently sits with the Scottish Government for final determination. At its Ross and Cromarty Area Committee meeting on 17 April 2007, Highland Council decided not to raise an objection to the proposal subject to the removal of 5 specific turbines, making the final scheme 17 turbines with an installed capacity of 51MW.

The Community Benefit Fund now equates to £2,750 x 51 providing £140,250 for the first year of operation. Over the operating life of the wind

farm the community benefit, including the 3% annual increase will amount to over £5M.

All community benefit funds are not a material consideration as part of the planning process. However, more and more they are seen as a distinct benefit for local communities surrounding operational wind farm sites.

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