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2004 EWEC to be held in London – UK Government and BWEA announce support .

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The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) announced today that the UK Government - Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - and the British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) are to support the 2004 European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition (2004 EWEC). The event, which is being held in London at the Wembley Conference & Exhibition Centre from 22 - 25 November will be the main meeting point for the international wind industry in 2004. The announcement will be made by UK Energy Minister, Stephen Timms at the BWEA25 conference taking place in Glasgow.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the UK's advances in renewable energy. Following our recent announcement of the next phase of offshore wind power expansion, the UK is rapidly developing a dynamic wind energy market. Wind power is vital in our long term energy policy set out in the recent White Paper. Wind will be the major factor in helping us to reach our target of generating 10% of our electricity from renewable sources by 2010 and a significant factor in reducing our carbon dioxide emissions by 60% by 2050." said Stephen Timms.

"2004 EWEC is perfectly located in London to take advantage of the increasing opportunities in the UK market. The collaboration with the UK government and BWEA greatly strengthens the event, ensuring that it will be the largest and most successful wind conference and exhibition ever held in Europe. The UK has the prospect of becoming one of the leading European wind power markets " said Professor Arthouros Zervos, President of EWEA.

"The UK has got the best wind resource in Europe and we are now on track to develop it. BWEA and the Government are predicting that some 8GW of capacity equivalent to some £6 billion of investment (Euros 8.7 billion) will be coming to the UK in the next six years. We are delighted to be hosting the 2004 EWEC in the UK as it confirms the fact that the UK has at long last become a key market", said Marcus Rand, CEO of BWEA.

2004 EWEC will provide an international exchange of experience on policy, finance and technical developments, and is a showcase for the latest technology. It is targeted at investors, project developers, turbine manufacturers, public authorities, insurance companies, banks and all other professionals with an interest in wind developments. More

than 3,000 participants are expected to attend from over 50 countries around 70% of whom will come from outside the UK. There will be over 200 speakers and 300 posters in 40 separate business, technical and workshop sessions.

The conference will discuss major issues of importance for European and Global wind markets, in technical and business areas, from resource assessment and innovative turbine design to market and policy developments, drawing on leading experience from all over Europe. Politicians and representatives from international institutions and national governments will be invited to speak at this leading international wind event. It will bring together a network of international wind energy experts from all sectors of the wind industry – policy, finance, research and development, manufacturing, and installation.

More information on the event:

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Notes to editors:

1. The European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition (EWEC) is held every 18 months in a different European city. The most recent EWEC's, which were held in Copenhagen (2001) and Madrid (2003), attracted over 160 companies to the exhibition, 200 presentations and 1800 conference delegates.

2. Venue: Purpose built for flexibility and accessibility Wembley Conference & Exhibition Centre offers visitors a first-class venue for business and public events. The exhibition halls and conference rooms are located within the same building (less than 5minutes walk from each other) facilitating a fully integrated event and greater networking opportunities.

Ideally located in North-West London, the venue boasts the best accessibility of all London venues by any mode of transport, with convenient links to all major road, rail and air routes and over 3,000 car parking spaces on site. In addition there is a range of quality hotels in the local area for overnight accommodation. By underground metro, it is an average journey time of fifteen minutes (2 stops) to Baker Street, giving fast and easy access to the West End and Central London.

3. EWEA is the voice of the wind industry. EWEA members from over 40 countries include 200 companies, organisations and research institutions. EWEA members include manufacturers covering 98% of the world wind power market, component suppliers, research institutes, national wind and renewables associations, developers, electricity providers, finance and insurance companies and consultants. This combined strength makes EWEA the world's largest renewable energy association.

EWEA is a founding member of EREC, the umbrella Association of the European renewable energy industry, trade and research Associations on photovoltaics, small hydropower, solar thermal, biomass, and wind power.

4. BWEA is at the heart of wind energy activity in the UK. The trade and professional body for the industry, BWEA membership now stands at 285 companies active in the sector, making BWEA the UK's largest renewable energy body. BWEA represents industry at home and abroad, to Government, regional bodies and local authorities throughout the UK and to the business community, the media and the public. BWEA co-ordinates statistics and intelligence on every aspect of the industry to promote the use of wind power in and around the UK.