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Koehler Renewable Energy plans further wind turbines

- **Rowancraig wind farm project proposes up to 7 turbines in the west of Sanquhar, Scotland**
- **Planned start of operation by 2026**

Oberkirch, Germany, 07.02.2023 – Last fall, the first public information event of Koehler Renewable Energy UK Ltd. took place, to present the Rowancraig wind farm project to the local community. The event was hosted by Alan Mathewson, Managing Director at Koehler Renewable Energy UK and Nick Forrest, Senior Project Developer at Koehler Renewable Energy UK, who introduced visitors to the company and the plans for the new wind farm. Up to 7 turbines could be installed in the Rowancraig wind farm. The maximum tip height of the turbines is 180 meters and an output of between four and six megawatts (MW). According to initial calculations, depending on the final design of the wind farm and the turbine model deployed, it could produce up to 100 gigawatt hours (GWh) per year.

Educational work among the population

The response from the community was very positive, although there were also some sceptical voices. Alan and Nick took the opportunity to talk about the community contribution, which would benefit the community around Rowancraig in particular. In the United Kingdom, the government stipulates that the construction of wind turbines will support community benefit in the form of an annual cash payment. The funds are used to support local projects and initiatives.

Lengthy processes until implementation

Koehler Renewable Energy plans to hold further public exhibitions in spring 2023 as part of the formal planning process, with the aim of submitting the planning application in September 2023. Once submitted, the local planning authority will review the application and consult with statutory partners and local community councils. These processes tend to be lengthy and are expected to take 6 to 9 months. If the planning application is approved, the Rowancraig Wind Farm would likely be fully operational by 2026.

More on Koehler Renewable Energy

Koehler Renewable Energy has been a subsidiary of the Koehler Group since 2012, with its headquarters in Oberkirch in Southwest Germany. The company is helping to shape the energy transition both in Germany and abroad in a sustainable manner. In collaboration with business partners, numerous projects in the fields of biomass cogeneration, onshore wind power, photovoltaics, and hydropower have already been implemented. There is also a focus on new energy technologies. The experts at Koehler Renewable Energy manage all stages of the value chain: acquisition, planning, development, and smooth long-term operation of installations.

The experienced team has already implemented projects worth a total of several hundred million euros with various partners, generating over 268,000 MWh of electricity each year as well as over 23,000 MWh of heat and over 638,000 metric tons of steam (as at June 2022). This means that Koehler Renewable Energy is making a significant contribution to the Koehler Group's sustainability strategy, with the aim of offsetting all the energy required for Koehler Paper's paper manufacturing operations with renewable energy generated from its own installations by no later than 2030. In addition, Koehler Renewable Energy wants to position itself as a full-service provider for industrial power and heat customers, as well as a supplier of energy system solutions based on renewable energy.

Find more information at <https://www.koehlerrenewableenergy.com>

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More about the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, drinks coasters, fine paper, carbonless paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation papers, and also innovative specialty papers for the packaging industry since 2019. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of 70% in 2021, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

In addition, with its Koehler Innovative Solutions business unit, Koehler is dedicated to developing new business areas outside of special paper production and energy production.

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