

<b>AN SUIDHE WIND FARM INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	
<b>Description:</b>	Turbine foundations, access roads, hardstandings and bridges
<b>Form of Contract:</b>	ECC 2 Option A
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months (estimate)
<b>Contract Value:</b>	£4,600,000 (estimate)
<b>Client:</b>	RWE Npower Renewables Limited
<b>Clients Representative:</b>	n/a

This challenging wind farm project is situated at a height of around 450m in the hills a few miles south of Inveraray, in Argyll & Bute. Our client is An Suidhe Wind Farm Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of RWE Npower Renewables Limited.

We have been contracted to deliver the civil works for the 23 turbine farm that will eventually generate 20 MW of renewable energy. Our scope of works includes turbine and ancillary foundations, crane hardstandings, two new bridges and around 22 km of access roads. We shall also construct a switchgear building and undertake all 20km of cable trenching and backfilling for the separate electrical package contractor.

The ground conditions are typically demanding for high ground with a mixture of peat and rock. The main access ramps to the site over steep ground from the existing forestry road network are particularly difficult. All stone aggregate materials required for the roads and hardstandings will be derived from borrow pits on site.

The site began operations in January 2009 and the civil work is scheduled to be complete during January 2010. All of our work will be carried out with diligent attention to numerous sensitive environmental issues, including possible restrictions due to the presence of Golden Plovers and Red-Throated Divers.

The Contract includes the design of roads, bridges, crane hardstandings, the A83 junction and the switchgear building.

