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NEWS RELEASE

ABLE PREPARES TO MOVE FORWARD AS SIEMENS BOOSTS HUMBER POTENTIAL

News that Siemens is to develop a new wind turbine port facility in Hull has been described by Able UK Group Development Director Neil Etherington as ‘a major step forward in establishing the area as a world-class centre for the renewable energy industries.’

Able is developing a new 2,000 acres state-of-the-art £400million Marine Energy Park on the south bank of the river and Mr Etherington says the Siemens’ decision will raise the profile of the entire Humber area.

He explained “What’s important is to recognise that the scale of the opportunities in the renewable energy field is huge and we want to attract the manufacturers and suppliers of wind turbines to the region, confirming that the Humber is the right place to make their investments.

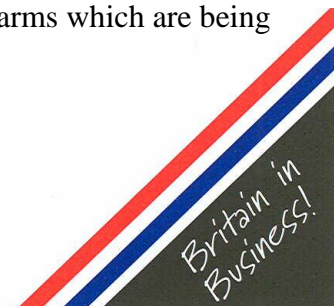
“We know from the huge level of interest in our Marine Energy Park development that there are many different companies looking to the area as the best location for providing the wide range of services and manufacturing needed to meet the future demand in the offshore wind sector—and indeed other renewable energy technologies.

“We are in dialogue with a range of companies who recognise that our Multi-User Development—with the largest area of industrial land available for port-related activities in the UK—has tremendous potential and we are in discussions with a number of leading companies .

“We’re sure that Siemens’ choice of the Humber will act as a catalyst to attract further investment and jobs to the area and our development is at the forefront of that drive.”

The Able Humber Port (AHP) development covers an area of circa 2,000 acres with a river frontage of two and a half miles. Over £50million has been invested in the development which is currently used for various port activities including vehicle import, storage and distribution activities.

The Marine Energy Park offers an opportunity, unique in Europe, to provide all the facilities required for the manufacture, assembly, commissioning and installation base for offshore wind turbines—and is within close proximity to the massive wind farms which are being developed in the North Sea.





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The Able plans envisage new heavy duty quays 1,720 metres long, tailored to the needs of the wind turbine offshore companies and also suitable for other heavy manufacturing industries such as required for power stations and offshore oil and gas structures.

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