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**Centrica announces construction contracts for Barrow windfarm**

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Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of  
Centrica plc

23 July 2004

### **Centrica announces construction contracts for Barrow windfarm**

Centrica plc and DONG A/S, the Danish energy group, today announced that, following its statement of 12 September 2003, contracts have been awarded for the construction of Barrow Offshore Wind (BOW), a 90MW development in the East Irish Sea which will produce enough power for up to 80,000 homes.

A consortium comprising Kellogg Brown & Root Ltd and Vestas-Celtic Wind Technology Ltd has been awarded a fixed price Engineering, Procurement, Installation and Commissioning contract for construction of the windfarm and, upon completion, will operate and maintain the windfarm, for an initial period of five years, on a fixed price basis. Completion and commencement of commercial generation is expected in late 2005.

Centrica and DONG, who previously owned 25 and 37.5 per cent of BOW respectively, have increased their equity to form a 50/50 joint venture, by acquiring Statkraft's shares in the development company. Centrica has paid Statkraft around £2m for its equity stake but Statkraft retains an option to buy back its shares in BOW until 2 September, 2004.

Jake Ulrich, Managing Director of Centrica Energy, said: "The award of this major construction contract is an important milestone in the development of the Barrow Offshore Windfarm.

"This is a key project within Centrica's portfolio and construction will be a major step forward in delivering our renewables strategy, which enables us to offer our British Gas customers green energy."

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**SIP Purchases**

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Purchase of ordinary shares of 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>9</sub> pence in Centrica plc ("**Shares**" and the "**Company**", respectively) by Directors of the Company under its Share Incentive Plan ("**SIP**").

The SIP trustee, Hill Samuel ESOP Trustees Limited (the "**Trustee**"), notified the Company on the 21 July 2004 that:

The following Directors of the Company acquired Shares under the SIP on 19 July 2004 from the Shares acquired by the Trustee on that date:

Director	Number of Shares acquired*	Aggregate shares held Beneficially (across all accounts following acquisition)
Phil Bentley	71	116,791
Mark Clare	71	541,460
Sir Roy Gardner	71	2,360,754

\* The 'Number of Shares Acquired' includes 51 Partnership shares acquired at 244.5 pence and 20 Matching shares acquired at 242.41 pence. Both Partnership and Matching elements are registered in the name of the Trustee.

The SIP operates as follows

- Each month the Trustee uses participants' contributions (which may not exceed £125 per participant per month) to purchase shares in the market. These shares are called '**Partnership Shares**'.
- At the same time the Company allots to participants via the Trustee one '**Matching Share**' for every two partnership shares purchased that month (up to a maximum of 20 matching shares per month).
- Participants may change their monthly savings rate whenever they wish. However, Directors and others bound by the Company's Securities Dealing Code (the "**Code**") may not make such a change during a close period or when otherwise prohibited from dealing by the Code.