



Role

Project Development Manager

Reporting to the Head of Development and Projects Director in Northern Ireland with the aim of developing new renewable wind energy projects, from site identification and option signing through to gaining Planning Permission. This will involve contributing to the overall company development strategy and being accountable for the delivery of projects in the NI region, including specific project responsibility.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Site selection/identification and assessment of project viability;
- Leading negotiations with land owners, Planning Service and both formal and informal consultees;
- Maintaining good relationship with prospective land owners and site providers;
- Preparation, presentation & negotiation of financial terms with land owners and site providers;
- Preparation of prospect / development recommendations;
- Preparation of development budgeting and monitoring;
- Securing land Option & Lease agreements;
- Option & Lease management to legal closure;
- Preparation of project development strategy;
- Initiation of EIA related works;
- Preparation and compilation of Environmental Statements;
- Managing external specialist consultants and liaison with in-house specialists;
- Initiation and management of preliminary Grid Connection enquiries with Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE);
- Managing the public consultation process, both pre and post application stage;
- Submission of Planning Applications and management thereof through to determination;
- Discharge of Planning Conditions;
- Provision of project information and support to project funding;
- Participation in the development of the Company's Integrated Management System.

Key skills and experience required:

Prospective candidates should be educated to degree level and able to demonstrate evidence of:

- Several years experience in wind energy project development management with a demonstrable track record of successfully seeing projects through to planning consent.
- Strong interpersonal skills, able to build rapport quickly and develop long-term relationships with all stakeholder groups.
- The ability to work with minimum supervision when interfacing with land owners, consultants and wider stakeholder groups.
- The ability to engage with, empathise with, educate and co-ordinate communities affected by development activities is essential.
- Strong commercial awareness, particularly in the context of land owner development negotiations and subsequent legal exchange.



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- A sound understanding of the technical aspects of wind power project development including site design, site layout optimization, road haulage access, grid integration, noise issues and shadow flicker.
- Resource management experience.
- Applied knowledge of EIA process, practice and theory.
- Experience of producing, agreeing and managing programmed and project budgets.
- Applied knowledge of progressing major applications through the Planning System, together with an understanding of the Northern Ireland planning process, policies, procedures and legal framework.
- Proven awareness of renewable energy policy and the complexities of developing sites for wind energy.
- An aptitude for problem solving and experience of driving complex projects forward to achieve set objectives.
- Demonstrable project management skills, with a proven ability to manage and meet competing deadlines and prioritise tasks.
- Well developed communication skills, especially report writing and the analysis and presentation of complex technical issues in a clear, concise format.
- Consultancy experience, for both private and public sector clients.
- Business development experience including proposal writing, establishing and maintaining relationships.