



Press Release

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NEL's Industry Expert at AWEA WindPower Conference and Exhibition

Alistair Mackinnon, Business Manager at leading international technology services organisation NEL, was invited by the UK Government Agency, UK Trade and Investment to speak at a briefing meeting during the AWEA (American Wind Energy Association) WindPower Conference and Exhibition this week (Tuesday, May 24, 2011) in Anaheim, California.

NEL currently certifies products under the government's Microgeneration Certification Scheme to qualify for feed-in tariff payments. With industry leading expertise, Alistair represented both the UK and NEL at the breakfast briefing yesterday at the event in Anaheim.

Alistair comments, "There are great opportunities available for the UK just now throughout the small wind sector. At present, UK government policies are establishing lucrative feed-in tariffs and the EU's most aggressive carbon-reduction targets are creating a very favourable market environment for small wind development.

"Small wind turbines must be certified by an accredited organisation to be eligible to receive feed-in tariffs. Certification provides potential operators of small wind turbines with confidence in the power output and annual energy yield of the installations.

"Our counterpart in the US, the Small Wind Certification Council, is about a year away from achieving its accreditation. As a result we have seen some American companies turning to NEL and the UK for certification."

Alistair spoke at Tuesday's Business Breakfast "Business Opportunities in the UK and US Small Wind Sectors (Renewable Energy)". The session highlighted the UK's ambition and progress in

the sector, the challenges faced by the onshore and offshore wind sector and how technology transfer can help meet these challenges and create business opportunity for both US and UK companies.

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Notes to the Editor:

About NEL:

With more than five decades of industry knowledge delivering world class innovative solutions to difficult problems, the company provides consultancy, R&D, test and calibration, and knowledge transfer to clients across industries including renewable and sustainable energy, oil & gas, government, manufacturing, on a local and global basis.

NEL is the custodian of the UK's National Flow Measurement Standards. As a leading international technology services organisation and provider of pipeline fluid management services to the global petroleum industry, NEL has an impressive track record in the development, design and application of leading edge technology.

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