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## MINISTERS LAUNCH COLLGAR WIND FARM

Collgar Wind Farm will today celebrate the official launch of its Wheatbelt based wind power project by the Hon Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Energy and the Hon. Brendon Grylls MLA Minister for Regional Development.

Collgar Wind Farm is a \$750 million renewable energy project consisting of 111 wind turbines with a generation capacity of 206MW. It is located approximately 25km south east of Merredin, Western Australia and is owned 60% by the UBS International Infrastructure Fund and 40% by the Retail Employees Superannuation Trust.

Once completed, it will be the largest wind farm in WA and the largest single stage wind farm development in the southern hemisphere to date.

Collgar Wind Farm Chief Executive Officer Alistair Craib said the official launch of the project by the Ministers marked another significant step forward in its development.

"The launch marks a major milestone for Collgar Wind Farm and the local community, with full construction activities soon to get underway bringing immediate and significant economic benefits to the region," Mr. Craib said.

"During the construction phase Collgar is expected to employ up to 150 people over the two year construction period as well as ongoing roles during the 25 year operational period, which will have a large spin-off for local services."

On completion of construction by April 2012, Collgar Wind Farm will on average generate and deliver 792,000MWh of clean, renewable electricity into the WA South West Interconnected System power grid each year, producing enough electricity to power approximately 125,000 WA homes.

"This is a significant energy project for the state, and it will provide a sustainable flow of clean energy for future generations of Western Australians," Mr Craib said.

In March of this year it was announced that State energy retailer Synergy had signed a 15-year contract worth an estimated \$1.5 billion to purchase power from the Collgar Wind Farm.

Synergy Managing Director Jim Mitchell said the deal was the biggest renewable energy contract in the company's history and when in production will make a significant contribution to Synergy's increasing renewable portfolio.

"This is an important project for Western Australia and reflects Synergy's commitment to securing a sustainable renewable energy source to benefit consumers and to help make a major contribution to WA's greenhouse gas reductions", Mr Mitchell said.

For further information on the Collgar Wind farm please visit [www.collgarwindfarm.com.au](http://www.collgarwindfarm.com.au)

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***About CWF:*** Collgar Wind Farm Pty Ltd is an exciting venture being undertaken by UBS International Infrastructure Fund ("UBS") and Retail Employees Superannuation Trust ("REST") in Western Australia.

The Collgar Wind Farm will consist of 111 wind turbine generators on a site located approximately 25km south east of Merredin in Western Australia.