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ERICKSON COMPLETES ITS FIRST TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN UK

INNOVATIVE PROJECT IN SCOTLAND CONNECTS A SUBSTATION WITH WIND ENERGY GENERATION BY HELICOPTER

PORTLAND, ORE. — Erickson Incorporated, a leading aerospace manufacturer and aerial services company, contracted with Balfour Beatty to build a transmission line for Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSE), connecting renewable energy from the Dorenell Wind Farm to a transmission network at Blackhillock, Scotland between Aberdeen and Inverness. The project provides new sources of electricity with minimal impact on the land environment and is the first of its kind for Erickson in Europe.

President of Commercial Aviation Services, Andrew Mills commented, "We like being part of new innovative projects that are a win-win-win. This project is good for the citizens of northern Scotland as they have access to renewable energy, it is a better option for the environment and it is good for our customer. We appreciate the opportunity to bring our expertise and efficiency to Balfour Beatty's project."



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With experience and expertise across the full spectrum of the electricity grid, including overhead lines, cabling, substations and distribution networks, they deliver a range of proactive and reactive services which support a reliable and safe supply of power flowing to millions of homes and businesses around the world. From scoping and feasibility, to design, construction and on-going maintenance, our in-house experts, flexible resources and industry-leading innovations support clients in the development of some of the UK's most ambitious power transmission and distribution projects. Current projects within our portfolio include the £121m **NEMO Link** — the fifth major interconnector into the UK which supports Europe's 'super grid' and a €219million project for ElecLink to install an HVDC 1000MV electricity interconnector between France and the UK via the Channel Tunnel.

ABOUT ERICKSON

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