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Community Scale Wind Project to Power More Than 1,000 Kittitas Homes
*First distributed generation project to be completed by McKinstry's
new turn-key development service*

(KITITAS COUNTY, WASH.) – March 27, 2013 – The owners of Swauk Creek Ranch, a privately-owned 3,865-acre reserve in Kittitas County, have partnered with Seattle-based energy and facility services firm McKinstry to develop and construct five wind turbines that will generate electricity for consumption in Kittitas County.

Consisting of five Gamesa 850 kW, G58 model wind turbines, the project will deliver 4.25 megawatts of electricity, enough to power more than 1,000 homes annually. It is the first to be completed by McKinstry's new turn-key development service for distributed generation projects—relatively small-scale projects that produce power for the community in which they are located. The turbines connect to the existing power grid and do not require new, expensive transmission lines.

McKinstry partnered with Puget Sound Energy to connect the wind project to the local grid for local consumption. The Gamesa turbines serve as a model for how to efficiently harness and keep abundant resources within the communities they reside.

“These appropriately sized energy generation systems are a win-win for everyone involved,” said McKinstry Capital Manager, Patrick Farley. “It’s a smart use of abundant natural resources; it provides land owners with an annuity for self-sufficiency, creates local durable jobs and offers communities clean energy alternatives.”

“These five turbines represent forward thinking about energy development in our County,” stated Kittitas County Commissioner Paul Jewell. “This project is a great example of the ways the County and property owners can work together to enhance our energy production independence, reduce energy costs, and leverage local resources to build industry.”

The project was made possible in part through a \$9 million allocation of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds issued by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. This was the first use of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds for private activity in Washington and the first of its kind for a wind project in the United States.

“We’re proud to support the local clean-energy economy,” said Karen Miller, chair of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. “Bonds and other financing tools can make these projects much more attractive for developers, which in turn benefits our communities.”



The Gamesa 850 kW platform is renowned for its outstanding reliability and excellent output, with more than 9,723 units (8,265 MW) installed and operating around the world.

“This project enables residents and businesses to experience firsthand the economic and environmental benefits of wind energy,” said David Rosenberg, vice president of marketing for Gamesa North America.”

About McKinstry

[McKinstry](#) is a full-service, design-build-operate-and-maintain (DBOM) firm specializing in consulting, construction, energy and facility services. The firm’s innovative, integrated delivery methodology provides clients with a single point of accountability that drives waste and redundancy out of the design/build process. With over 1,600 professional staff and trades people throughout the United States and operations in more than 15 states, McKinstry advocates collaborative, sustainable solutions designed to ensure occupant comfort, improve systems efficiency, reduce facility operational costs, and optimize profitability “For The Life of Your Building.” For more information, visit www.mckinstry.com

About the Washington State Housing Finance Commission

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission is a publicly accountable, self-supporting team, dedicated to increasing housing access and affordability and to expanding the availability of quality community services for the people of Washington. The commission, which receives no regular state funding for its operations, brings private investment dollars to benefit families and achieve public goals in Washington. The Commission offers a variety of financing tools to support renewable-energy and energy-efficiency projects. More information is available at www.wshfc.org/energy.

About Gamesa: Gamesa Technology Corp., Inc., (www.gamesacorp.com/en/) a global leader in the design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of wind turbine generators and the turnkey development and sale of wind farms, has installed more than 27 GW in 40 countries on five continents. The company has over 19,000 MW under operation and maintenance service contracts globally and over 2,300 megawatts in the United States. With two plants in Pennsylvania, Gamesa was the first overseas wind manufacturer to set up full production facilities in the United States. In 2011, Gamesa was awarded the U.S. Ex-Im Bank “Renewable Energy Exporter of the Year.” As part of its global Corporate University program, Gamesa operates a U.S. training center in cooperation with Bucks County Community College, where the company provides continuing education to existing employees and offers customers and others training in wind technology.

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