Small-Scale Decentralised Wind Energy

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Quiet Revolution Ltd.

- Spun-out from XCO2 in September 2006
- ~50 full-time employees
- HQ located in Clerkenwell, London
- Manufacturing facility located in Wales
- A Technology Company
- August 2008, first institutional round investment by RWE Innogy



The QR5 Wind Turbine

• Small Scale: <50kW and <200m²

- QR5: 7.5kW peak aerodynamic, 13.6m²
- Decentralised Energy Production
- Integrated with society
- Cost: £25,000 + installation
- Design Life: 25 years

ECHO Arena, Kings Dock, Liverpool



- 130+ Commercial Turbines Installed
- Rate of 5 turbines per month
- UK primary market, with pilot projects in Netherlands, Germany and Australia







The QR5 Wind Turbine - Technology

- World-Class Aerodynamics
- Low noise, no vibration design
- Patented active "Gust Tracking" control
- Composite material primary structure
- Direct-drive generator and active power electronics
- Tilt-down mast for maintenance
- Remote monitoring and pre-emptive maintenance



"Any feasible path to a 80% reduction of CO2 emissions by 2050 will require the almost total decarbonisation of electricity generation by 2030" (Climate Change Committee Building a Low Carbon Economy 2008)

Positive Drivers

- •New Feed In Tariffs (FIT) from April 2010 UK
- •Good FIT tariffs available in **Portugal, Italy, Greece and Ireland**. Other countries in EU and the USA implementing similar incentives in the near term
- •High Wind FIT markets provide the initial market demand
 - Coastal developments
 - •Infrastructure (rail, road, bridges)
 - Roof top

Conclusion: Timing of **FIT is <u>very</u>** <u>favourable</u> for quiet**revolution** given its lead position









Emerging challenges for Large Wind
Available wind sites in a small island
Cost of transmission

Capacity Credit and Adequacy

Small Scale Decentralised Wind

- Harvest wind resource not accessible to traditional large wind
- Eliminate losses associated with distribution
- Can actually work to support a weak grid
- Nascent sector poised for growth; UK alone could be a £10B market over next 25 years

• Distributed generation small wind parks > 24 large multi-MW HAWTs or 1000 small VAWTs • Typical sites: Retail, transport infrastructure, coastal promenades, ports/marinas, leisure, government buildings, hospital, schools etc. • Planning process: ability to scale "distributed windfarm" installation • Efficiency of clusters

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Smart Control of Demand for Consumption and Supply to enable balanced, energy-positive buildings and neighbourhoods

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