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Innovative Biogas Scheme Breaks Ground

Malaby Biogas Ltd announces that on 3rd May 2011 the construction of their biogas scheme at Bore Hill Farm in Warminster, Wiltshire got under way. Following several weeks of site set up the ground works stage of the build programme began under a cloudless sky. Ground works have been timed to coincide with the most advantageous weather and work is expected to take 9 to 12 months with operations beginning in early 2012.

Malaby Biogas is employing its sister company Malaby Martin as the main contractor to develop the site which received planning consent from Wiltshire Council earlier in the year. The Bore Hill Farm Biodigester, as it will be called, is a truly ground breaking development which will provide renewable energy through a clean and self contained process called anaerobic digestion. Wider redevelopment of the redundant agricultural buildings at Bore Hill Farm as phase two will provide an innovative and integrated mix of commercial business units run on the renewable heat and power generated by the biodigester.

Thomas Minter (Malaby Biogas Director): "We are very pleased to see work starting on site and making great progress. It has taken many months of planning and design to get this far and being on site for the summer will bring a lot of progress. We will use local contractors and suppliers wherever possible and, once operational, we hope to see additional local employment created by the biodigester and the new business units. We are now taking applications for construction and operations posts".

The anaerobic digestion process is the natural bacterial breakdown of organic matter which produces methane, carbon dioxide and a low carbon biofertiliser called digestate. The digestate will be used on farms to reduce their dependence on chemical fertilisers and the methane and CO₂ will be used to generate low carbon heat and electricity for use in the business units and for export to the electricity grid. Thomas Minter: "This is a very green process and is well established in many countries. Recent changes in legislation have enabled its application in the UK and Malaby is pleased to be able to be part of this new development of sustainable technologies. In these difficult economic times it is good to see some concrete evidence of innovation and investment at the local level".

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