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Biogas Scheme Detailed Design Approved

Malaby Martin Ltd announces the granting today of planning consent for Material Minor Amendments (MMA) to the integrated biogas scheme approved by Wiltshire Council in July 2010. Detailed design work undertaken in autumn 2010 led to the opportunity to provide an improved site layout and the MMA application was submitted on 17th December 2010.

Malaby Martin is developing a biogas plant which, uniquely, will be integrated into the redevelopment of the redundant farmstead at Bore Hill Farm in Warminster, Wiltshire. It will provide commercial business units running off renewable heat and electricity generated onsite by the biogas plant. Using local and regional commercial organic food waste delivered on the existing trunk road network, the biogas plant will be providing a waste disposal and renewable energy solution to drive new economic activity and support the growth of the renewable energy sector on a local level.

Thomas Minter (Director): "We are excited to be able to offer such benefits to the local area and see the development of new, low carbon technologies which are integrated into wider developments as the way forward. These are challenging times and we are proud to be leading the way at Bore Hill Farm." There will also be an integrated visitors centre to promote renewables and sustainable development and provide a base for education to schools, community and professional development.

Following close cooperation with the planners, designers and engineers the MMA consent offers reduced visual impact benefits for the site and its surroundings. Reduced massing of the digester tanks and moving CHP units inside the process building will considerably reduce both visual and noise impact. Detailed landscape planting and the replacement of a large run of retaining walls around the commercial buildings with earth banks will further reduce any visual impact.

Thomas Minter: "Visual impact was a concern during our consultations last year and we looked at how we could further reduce it during the detailed design process. The planners praised us for our open and inclusive approach and we wanted to ensure we did all we could to make the scheme an example of good planning and operation. This is a good news story at a time of economic hardship and we aim to set a good example in a new industry".

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