

Fourth Wind Farm For AGL At Hallett

AGL Energy Limited (AGL) recently announced it has entered into a development agreement with Wind Prospect to acquire the rights to develop and construct a fourth wind farm in the mid-north of South Australia.

The Hallett 4 wind farm proposal, located at North Brown Hill, is approximately 23 km from the township of Hallett and 185 km north of Adelaide.

AGL Managing Director, Michael Fraser, said that if the Hallett 4 wind farm proceeds it will include around 63 turbines with a capacity of up to 189 MW – making it the largest wind farm in the Hallett group.

“The Hallett 4 wind farm would see the company operating over 232 wind turbines in South Australia with a combined capacity of over 460 MW by 2011”, Mr Fraser said.

“AGL already has 166 MW of wind capacity in construction in this area and will now have a further 206-306 MW in development. AGL anticipates that, when fully operational, the Hallett 4 wind farm will generate enough renewable energy to power approximately 67,000 average Australian households and avoid up to 346,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year.”

Under the terms of the development agreement, Wind Prospect will secure the

planning approvals and land arrangements needed to construct the wind farm. These arrangements are similar to previous arrangements between AGL and Wind Prospect for the Hallett 1 and Hallett 2 wind farms.

“AGL recently announced it was developing a third South Australian wind farm - Hallett 3 - which would have a capacity of up to 117 MW. AGL’s Brown Hill wind farm (Hallett 1 – 95 MW) is nearing completion and the nearby Hallett 2 wind farm (71 MW) is under construction.

AGL anticipates that it will be in a position to make a final investment decision on the Hallett 4 wind farm by late in the 2009 financial year with expected commercial operation in the 2011 financial year. ■