Ferrybridge safety milestone celebrated with donations to local charities

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The Ferrybridge Multifuel 1 project has achieved a major safety milestone and marked the occasion by donating £9,000 to local charities.

The Ferrybridge Multifuel 1 (FM1) project, being built on land adjacent to Ferrybridge C Power Station, and nearing the end of the construction phase, recently achieved one million man hours without a lost time injury. This is a major achievement for such a large scale construction project, and represents the second time one-million man-hours without a lost time injury was reached at the site.

As a way of celebrating the achievement, three local charities were suggested by the project’s workforce who could benefit from a donation. The local charities are Martin House Children’s Hospice, Candlelighters and Pathways School, each received a £3,000 donation from Hitachi Zosen Inova/ Ferrybridge Multifuel Energy Ltd.

The charities attended a cheque presentation event at the project site, and were all delighted with the donation.

Dave Taylor, Health and Safety Manager for Multifuel Energy Ltd said: “Achieving one million man hours is a fantastic safety milestone for the project, and one that everyone associated with the project can be proud of. We wanted to mark the achievement by doing something different, and we asked the work force to suggest local charities that we could donate to. We look forward to seeing the difference our contribution will make to the work that they do in the local area.”
John Haigh from Martin House Children’s Hospice near Wetherby said: “Martin House Children’s Hospice provides care for children with life shortening conditions. The hospice relies heavily on donations to continue the work that we do to support local families. This donation will pay for three families to have a weekend stay at Martin house, which offers respite to both the children and their family.”

Stephanie Jones from Candlelighters, based in Leeds General Infirmary (LGI), said: “This donation will be put towards the new support service ‘Candlelighters @The Square’ just walking distance from the LGI, which offers support to everyone who is affected by a diagnosis of cancer for a child, specifically parents, siblings, family and friends.”

Lisa Quarmby from Pathways School, located close by in Townville, said: “Pathways School supports children from the local area with autism, or other special educational needs. We are going to put this generous donation towards our new adventure play area for the children.”

Further information about the Ferrybridge Multifuel projects is available on the website www.multifuelenergy.com or by contacting the project team by e-mail: info@multifuelenergy.com.

*Based on the industry average annual household consumption of 3,300 KWh of electricity and using a base load of circa 70MW net export capacity utilised for 8000 hours per annum.

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Notes to Editors

1 million working man hours have been achieved without any of the following occurring:

**LTI - Lost Time Incident** – this is when a person receives an injury at work and the result of the injuries stops them from attending work the following day/days

**MTI – Medical treatment Injury** – This is anything above a first aid injury such as attending hospital for example - stitches to a cut/wound

**HSE Reportable** – this is when the resulting accident/incident is required by law to be reported to the HSE under the RIDDOR regulations

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SSE is one of the UK’s largest generators of electricity with around 11,700 MW of generation capacity in total (UK and Ireland) from the most diverse portfolio of power stations. It is the leading generator of electricity from renewable resources with a total generation capacity of around 3,400MW. Through its renewable development division, SSE Renewables, it is involved in the development of new renewable energy projects covering wind, wave, tidal, and hydro electricity.

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