Case study: Crystal Rig wind farm, near Dunbar, East Lothian

August 2004 saw three members of our team attend the official opening of Scotland's largest wind farm to date at Crystal Rig. This represented the culmination of four years of hard work that had begun with detailed discussions with the clients about what they hoped to achieve and over what timescale. Extensive legal work was required from the outset, with the successful negotiation of binding Option Agreements with six landowners, five option agreements in respect of the new access track and a further five option agreements in respect of the electricity connection to the national grid.

We subsequently negotiated the tripartite planning agreement between the landowners, our clients and the local authority before invoking the various options to lease and having all lease documentation finalised and registered.

The next stage involved the financing of the development, dealing with the bank's solicitors and all necessary security and finance documentation.
All through the process we worked collaboratively with our clients to ensure that we provided them with a finely tuned service that met their detailed requirements and that anticipated and overcame obstacles to successful completion of the development.

Initially 20 turbines were built with another five consented and now under construction. We are now working hard on Phase 2 of the development: in July 2005 the Scottish Executive granted planning permission for an extension that will more than triple the output of the combined development. Once more the WJM team is working hard on a daily basis to ensure that all possible legal angles are covered, helping the client to achieve its objectives and successfully manage the development risks.

Crystal Rig from the Air

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