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### Halfway River First Nation & Aeolis Wind Power Corporation Sign Memorandum of Understanding

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA** -- (May 28, 2009) - The Halfway River First Nation (Halfway River) and Aeolis Wind Power Corporation (Aeolis Wind) are pleased to announce they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a mutually beneficial, co-operative and productive relationship with regard to the development of the Hackney Hills and Thunder Mountain wind energy projects. The Hackney Hills project site is located within Halfway River's traditional territory and both project sites are located within Treaty 8 territory.

Halfway River and Aeolis Wind intend to work together, as responsible corporate citizens and stewards, in a spirit of cooperation for mutual benefit as well as social, ecological, cultural and economic well-being.

The MOU is intended to provide a framework for Halfway River and Aeolis Wind to address issues pertaining to:

- Protection of Environment, Land, and Resources and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights through Consultation
- Education, Training & Community Development, and
- Economic Opportunities

Halfway River First Nation is participating in the Thunder Mountain and Hackney Hills environmental assessment. Building on the understandings contained in the MOU, Halfway River and Aeolis Wind will negotiate in good faith towards the development of a more detailed impact benefits agreement.

The first phase of the Hackney Hills Wind project, will have a capacity of up to 370 megawatts, and will be located approximately 40 km west of the Halfway River First Nation community and 45 km from Hudson's Hope, British Columbia. The first phase of the Thunder Mountain Wind project will have a capacity of up to 320 megawatts and will be located approximately 33 km southeast of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia.

Halfway River First Nation is a progressive First Nation located in northeastern British Columbia. Halfway River is committed to economic development, done in an environmentally responsible manner, which is consistent with and respectful of the Treaty rights of its members.

Aeolis Wind is a Vancouver-Island based wind energy development company focused on establishing large-scale wind power generation facilities in western Canada. Its mission is to be a leader in the development of sustainable wind energy projects that are economically viable while benefiting the environment and local economies. Aeolis Wind was instrumental in the initial development and permitting of the Bear Mountain Wind Park, which is now under construction near Dawson Creek in the Peace region of BC.

Aeolis Wind is committed to continuously working with First Nations, stakeholder groups and local communities in the development of its wind energy projects.

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