

**NZX Announcement**

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**SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2012**

NZ Windfarms Limited ("NWF") advises the following operating statistics for the second quarter:

**Second Quarter – 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011**

|                                     | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Electricity generation output - MWh | 25,442      | 20,224      | 26              |
| Revenue from electricity sales      | 1,527,000   | 924,000     | 65              |
| Average electricity price - \$/MWh  | 60.03       | 45.67       | 31              |
| Turbine availability (average)      | 97.3%       | 96.3%       | 1.0             |

**Financial year to date – 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011**

|                                     | <u>2012</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Electricity generation output - MWh | 56,884      | 37,096      | 53              |
| Revenue from electricity sales      | 3,576,000   | 1,604,000   | 123             |
| Average electricity price - \$/MWh  | 62.86       | 43.24       | 45              |
| Turbine availability (average)      | 97.1%       | 95.6%       | 1.5             |

The performance of NWF is strongly influenced by wind conditions and electricity prices which are both subject to natural variability and are beyond NZ Windfarms' control. Modeling is based on appropriate long term averages. Both output and revenue for the quarter were below forecast, due to lower than average wind speeds and lower than forecast wholesale electricity prices.

During October 2011 NZ Windfarms exercised its rights to acquire TRH Services Ltd from Windflow Technology. TRH Services performs the O&M function at the Te Rere Hau windfarm.

The Palmerston North City Council has sought a determination from the Environment Court as to whether the Te Rere Hau windfarm is meeting its consent conditions with respect to sound level output. The Environment Court Hearing was held in December with a decision expected in late January.

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