



Novera Energy & 158 Squadron Association Unveil UK's First Memorial to Royal Air Force's 158 Squadron, Bomber Command

Sunday 15th May 2009, Lissett, Yorkshire: Novera Energy plc, a leading independent UK renewable energy company, and the 158 Squadron Association, yesterday unveiled a memorial sculpture dedicated to the Royal Air Force's 158 Squadron, Bomber Command. The memorial honours the 851 lives lost on active service from Lissett Airfield during World War II.

The unveiling was attended by original members of the 158 Squadron, the Archbishop of York and Group Captain Bill Gibson, Station Commander of Royal Air Force Leeming. The event took place at Novera's Lissett Airfield Wind Farm, the former site of the 158 Squadron in Lissett, in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

The sculpture, designed and constructed by local artist Peter Naylor, who won a competition held by Novera Energy and the 158 Squadron Association, depicts a team of airmen emerging from the mist and is inscribed with the names of the 851 people who died in service.

The event included the dedication of the sculpture by the Archbishop of York and speeches by 'Bluey' Mottershead, DFC, President of the 158 Squadron Association and Adrian Hammond, the Association's Secretary. Guests attended a 1940s-style dinner-dance in the evening at the Expanse Hotel in Bridlington.

Photographs of the memorial, the unveiling ceremony and the dinner-dance are available upon request.

Adrian Hammond, Secretary of the 158 Squadron Association said:

"The unveiling was a landmark event for RAF 158 Squadron, Bomber Command and I hope this is the first of many memorials honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. The men and women who served at Lissett Airfield played a vital role and I am delighted that Novera have undertaken to provide a fitting memorial for them. Lissett Airfield is now again making an important contribution by fighting climate change. It's great to have propellers back at Lissett."

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, said:

"The memorial sculpture is a great tribute to those brave servicemen and women who gave their lives in the name of freedom during the Second World War. It's a great honour for me to have met some of the veterans who served at Lissett Aerodrome and to have taken part in the dedication ceremony."

David Fitzsimmons, CEO of Novera Energy, said:

"Novera prides itself on engaging with local communities and see this as an important part of our wind farm applications. We are delighted that our partnership with the 158 Squadron Association has led to the construction of this memorial to 158 Squadron, Bomber Command which has been welcomed by the people of Lissett and the wider community."

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About Bomber Command

During WWII, Bomber Command were the division of the RAF responsible for offensive manoeuvres, where Fighter Command were charged with defending Britain. Bomber Command attacked the enemy by bombing their airbases, shipping, troops, communications and all industries used in the German war effort in Germany. Despite this harrowing and highly dangerous role, there has never been a memorial to Bomber Command erected in the UK until this tribute to 158 Squadron.

About Lissett Airfield

RAF Lissett Airfield was built between 1941 and 1943 and was the closest Yorkshire bomber Airfield to Germany during WWII, from which around 250 raids were made. 144 Halifax Bombers failed to return or were destroyed in operational crashes with the loss of over 600 aircrew. In total 851 members of the 158 Squadron lost their lives in active service.

Novera brought propellers back to Lissett this year when the Company erected a 30MW wind farm on the former airfield site. In addition to the commissioning of the memorial, Novera will be paying a further tribute to the RAF 158 Bomber Command heroes by naming eleven of the turbines after aircraft that were flown from the airfield. At the request of the Association, the official naming will take place as part of the Association's annual reunion on 5 September 2009.

About Novera Energy plc

Novera is a leading independent UK renewable energy company, with a portfolio of landfill gas, hydro and wind assets and development projects. The Company has 148MW of renewable power generation capacity at 58 sites. Novera employs over 160 members of staff.

| Asset | Detail | Capacity |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Landfill Gas | 46 sites | 87MW |
| Hydro | 10 sites | 16MW |
| Wind (operational) | 2 sites | 45MW |
| Industrial | 1 site | 4MW |
| | Total: | 152MW |
| Wind (consented) | 2 sites | 62-73MW |
| Wind (in planning) | 7 sites | 68-77MW |

* Owned by a joint venture between Novera and an independent developer. Novera will own 100 per cent of the wind farm on consent.

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