



Union agreement for construction of Tees Renewable Energy Plant welcomed

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MGT Teesside has welcomed the finalisation of a formal agreement between engineering construction workers' unions Unite and GMB and contractors from the consortium which is building the Tees Renewable Energy power plant adjacent to the Tees Dock outside Middlesbrough. The agreement incorporates the use of the National Agreement for the Engineering Construction Industry (NAECI) a nationwide agreement between the two unions and the signatory Employers' Associations.

Ben Elsworth, CEO of MGT Teesside, said "we strongly welcome the constructive spirit in which these negotiations were conducted, and would like thank all the parties to it for their hard work. The right way to deliver a large project such as this is to co-operate constructively with all stakeholders, so this is a very positive step".

Comment on behalf of Unite:

It is fantastic news that MGT Teesside have decided to utilise in full the National Agreement in Construction (NAECI) whilst their flagship project is under construction. The agreement ensures that all workers in scope of the agreement can enjoy good terms and conditions and benefit from direct employment whilst their employment rights are also protected. It is good news for the highly skilled workforce of Teesside and positive for the local economy.

Steve Cason Unite Regional Officer in Construction said he hoped that the youth in the surrounding area will be able to take advantage of the project and kick-start their career in the construction industry. Unite would also like to thank everyone that has been involved in the ongoing discussions to bring this project to the area and hope that we can deliver this project on budget and on time. We look forward to a good positive working relationship with the client and contractors moving forwards.

Comment on behalf of GMB:

The GMB are delighted that MGT Teesside have decided to build their next project on Teesside under the NAECI agreement.

This will bring many skilled jobs into the region that will benefit the local workforce on nationally agreed terms and conditions which will be supported by Union representatives to foster positive industrial relations on site.

Mark Wilson, GMB ORGANISER, said we hope the positive spirit in which the agreement was reached will continue through the construction of the plant and that Teesside construction workers will benefit from quality employment in their local area.

Comment on behalf of the Consortium

The Consortium formed by Tecnicas Reunidas (TR) and Samsung C&T (SCT) are extremely pleased to have reached agreement with the GMB and Unite Unions to move forward on this project under the NAECI agreement. The Consortium understands and fully appreciates the high level of skilled workforce that this will bring to the project and that this will not only generate many jobs in the area but will also provide ideal training opportunities for the region.

Felipe Morales, TR Project Director and Andy Chrusciel, SCT Project Director said, this a significant step in the right direction to ensure a unified and agreed approach that will lead to the success of this important project for Teesside.
