**Planning Consent Granted for a £300m Energy Centre at the South Humber Bank Power Station site**

EP UK Investments Ltd (EPUKI), the owner and operator of South Humber Bank Power Station, are pleased to announce that planning consent was granted by North East Lincolnshire Council on the 12th April 2019 for a sustainable Energy Centre located on vacant land at the South Humber Bank Power Station site.

The South Humber Bank Energy Centre will be powered by approximately 620,000 tonnes per annum of refuse-derived fuel (RDF), will generate 49.9MW of electrical power (enough to power about 50,000 homes) and represents an investment of around £300m. EPUKI submitted its application to North East Lincolnshire Council in December 2018 following consultation with key stakeholders and the local community.

Construction of the new Energy Centre could commence as early as Autumn 2019 creating up to 600 construction jobs with a further 50 permanent jobs once the plant becomes operational around late 2022.

EPUKI is a subsidiary of EPH, Europe’s 6th largest power generator. EPUKI acquired 2.2GW of Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Stations from Centrica in 2017 and commissioned a 420MW biomass power station at Lynemouth in 2018. This existing portfolio of 2.6GW of capacity already represents a £750m commitment to power generation in the UK. In addition, EPUKI has development consents to construct up to a further 4.2GW of new build CCGTs at Eggborough and King’s Lynn.

James Crankshaw, Head of Engineering for EPUKI said, “We are delighted to have been granted planning consent for the Energy Centre at the South Humber Bank Power Station site. EPUKI will aim to progress to the construction phase later this year.

We look forward to working with our construction partners, established and new fuel suppliers, North East Lincolnshire Council and the local community over coming months as we move quickly towards construction.

Unlike many other energy from waste (EFW) projects, the South Humber Bank Energy Centre is not dependent on securing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), other subsidy or secured income such as a Contract for Difference (CFD). The Energy Centre will provide much needed new sustainable power generation and energy recovery facilities whilst creating local jobs”.

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