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PUBLIC OPEN DAY FOR PROPOSED ARARAT WIND FARM

Renewable Energy Systems Australia Pty Ltd (RES Australia) today announced its plans to host an Open Day for the local community to provide details about its proposed Ararat Wind Farm development located seven kilometres northeast of Ararat.

RES Australia confirmed that the Open Day will be held on Saturday 16th February, 2008, between 10.00am and 4.00pm at the Warrak Community Hall, located at No.1673 Warrak Road, Warrak (junction of Buangor-Ben Nevis Road).

Sedat Erol, Wind Farm Developer with RES Australia and responsible for organising the Open Day explained that:

“We are inviting the local community and interested parties to visit our first Ararat Wind Farm Open Day to meet with us, ask questions, learn more about RES and our proposal and provide feedback to ensure that this is a world class project from all points of view.”

Prior to the Open Day, RES Australia representatives will be meeting with the Hon Joe Helper MLA, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Small Business, as well as Ararat Rural City Council and Northern Grampians Shire Council, to provide a briefing on the project.

The Open Day will provide interested people with preliminary details about the project, including:

- an introduction to RES Australia;
- the development and consultation process we intend to follow;
- the location, potential size and area of the proposed Ararat Wind Farm;
- a description of the turbines and the wind farm construction process;
- the environmental studies we are undertaking;
- preliminary visual photomontages of what the wind farm may look like from a few well known viewpoints; and
- how people can continue to be informed and involved.

Light refreshments will also be provided.

The proposed Ararat wind farm, comprising around 50 turbines, will:

- generate clean, green electricity equivalent to the needs of approximately 40,000 homes a year;
- reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas;
- unlock \$250 million investment within the Ararat Rural City Council and Northern Grampian Shire Council areas;
- provide jobs during the construction phase, using local people, businesses and expertise wherever possible; and
- contribute to Victoria's renewable energy target.

RES Australia will also continue to keep people informed, particularly those who might be unable to make it to our first Open Day, through our website: www.res-australia.com.au.

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Note to Editor:

RES Australia is an independent wind farm operator in the local market. It is a subsidiary of the Renewable Energy Systems group of companies based in the U.K. The RES Group is a specialist wind farm developer with 27 years experience that has, to date, built 54 wind farm projects around the world.

Renewable Energy Systems (RES) is a global success story in the world's fastest growing energy sector. RES has been an established presence at the forefront of the wind energy industry for over two decades. Today companies within the RES Group are operating internationally across three continents.

As one of the world's leading wind energy companies, our work to develop, build and run wind farms is contributing to national renewable energy targets and to a sustainable future for us all.

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