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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Commissioning and purpose of assessment	RSK Environment Limited (RSK) was commissioned by Renewable Energy Systems Limited to carry out a Phase 2 Site Investigation - Coal Mining Risk Assessment of the land at Mynydd Maen Wind Farm, Cwmbran, NP11 5AY, grid reference ST 25754, 97735. The overall aim of this work was to assess potential coal mining risks identified in an earlier phase of work.
DESK-BASED ASSESSME	INT
Site description and proposed development	The site currently comprises of rough moorland and covers approximately 2000 hectares. The proposed development is a wind farm.
Previous site investigation (SI) reports	In March 2023, RSK undertook a desk based CMRA for Mynydd Maen based on the available data at that time. The site specific coal mining risk which required further assessment (by subsequent intrusive investigation the findings of which are presented in this report) included the possible presence of shallow underground workings in the Mynyddislwyn coal seam.
Geology and environmental setting	The site is underlain by peat, over the Hughes member sandstone according to published geological data. Records from the Coal Authority indicate the potential presence of 4 shallow coal seams across the site including the Tillery Rider No.2, Mynyddislwyn Lower Leaf, Cefn Glas and Brithdir coal seam.
INTRUSIVE INVESTIGATIO	ON & ASSESSMENT
SI scope	Four rotary open hole boreholes and four trial pits at each of four proposed turbine locations (T3, T7, T8 and T11).
SI factual findings	The site is underlain by a layer of peat (between 0.20m to 0.6m thick) over varying amounts of clay, sands and gravels with sandstone bedrock encountered at 1.0m to 2.1m bgl. Generally groundwater was not encountered except for a small seepage found in trial pit T3(RO) at 0.6mbgl. No evidence of coal seams or workings were recorded in any of the exploratory holes.
Coal Mining Risk Assessment	Based on the exploratory findings, it is considered that there is a low or negligible risk from coal mining related hazards at the assessment site, which will have little or no effect on the proposed development.
Recommendations including issues for further assessment	No further investigation or remediation with regards to coal mining hazards is required at the assessment site.







1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Commissioning

RSK Environment Limited (RSK) was commissioned by Renewable Energy Systems Limited to carry out a Phase 2 Site Investigation - Coal Mining Risk Assessment of the land at Mynydd Maen Wind Farm, Cwmbran NP11 5AY. The project was carried out to an agreed brief as set out in RSK's proposal (reference T315198, dated 20 January 2023). This commission follows an earlier, desk-based assessment completed by RSK and presented in RSK report, Mynydd Maen Wind Farm Coal Mining Risk Assessment, document reference 315198 R01 (02), dated March 2023.

The work is subject to RSK's Service Constraints, which are included in **Appendix A**.

The site in question is being considered for development for commercial use as a wind farm.

1.2 Objectives

The objective of the work is to assess the risk of the presence of potential shallow historical coal workings, identified in the desk based study undertaken by RSK in early March 2023 (Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report ref 315198 R01), at proposed wind turbine locations T3, T7, T8 and T11.

1.3 Scope of works

The scope of this assessment has been developed in accordance with relevant British Standards and authoritative technical guidance as referenced through the report. It is also compliant with relevant planning policy and guidance.

The scope of the intrusive investigation has been designed in line with the recommendations of BS5930:2015+A1:2020 Code of practice for ground investigations (BSI, 2020), which maintains compliance with BS EN 1997-1 and 1997-2 and their related standards. It has also been developed in general accordance with BS 10175: 2011 + A2 2017.

The scope of works for the assessment has included the following:

Intrusive investigation

- design and implementation of an intrusive investigation
- interpretation of ground conditions to develop an updated risk level from coal mining
- preparation of this interpretative report.

1.4 Existing reports

The following reports detailing previous works at the site were made available for review:

 RSK report, Mynydd Maen Wind Farm Coal Mining Risk Assessment 315198 R01 (02), March 2023 (NB this included review of an earlier report carried out by Geoinvestigate Limited "Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA), Mynydd Maen Wind



Farm, Torfaen, between Newbridge and Cwmbran NP4 6US. 13 November 2020. Project ID4412, Ref. G20374")

Pertinent information from these reports has been summarised in Section 2.

1.5 Limitations

This report is subject to the RSK Service Constraints given in **Appendix A** and limitations that may be described through this document.



2 SITE DETAILS

2.1 Site location

Site location details are presented in Table 1 and a site location plan is provided on **Figure 1**.

Table 1 Site location details

Site name	Mynydd Maen Wind Farm
Full site address and post code	Mynydd Maen, Cwmbran NP11 5AY
National Grid reference (approximate centre of site)	ST 25754, 97735

2.2 Site description

The site is located between Newbridge and Cwmbran, south of the A472 highway. The site covers an area of approximately 366 hectares comprising rough open moorland and trackways, surrounded by a variety of woodlands and valleys. There are a number of significant watercourses running through the open moorland.

An existing telecoms mast is located roughly in the centre of site at 325660, 197923, and a number of underground services cross through the development area.

The site boundary and current layout are presented in Figure 2.

2.3 Surrounding land uses

The site is located on the moorland above Cwmbran. Immediate surrounding land uses are described in Table 2.

Table 2 Surrounding land uses

North	A472 road and the Tirpentwys nature reserve beyond
East	Pontypool and Cwmbran
South	Moorland, agricultural land, Cwmcarn forest
West	Fields, agricultural land, Cwmcarn forest, Newbridge and Abercarn

2.4 Development plans

The proposed layout of the site, at the time of preparing this report, is shown in **Appendix B**.

The proposed development is understood to be a wind farm comprised of up to 13 turbines, a substation and associated trackways.



2.5 Summary of previous investigations

A summary of pertinent information from previous investigations is included in Table 3.

Report Details	RSK, 315198 R01 (02), Coal Mining Risk Assessment: Mynydd Maen Wind Farm, March 2023.
Site coverage	Entire site.
Summary scope of works	Desk based assessment of available coal mining records (including Geoinvestigate CMRA report from November 2020).
	There are underground workings in a number of coal and one ironstone seams beneath the site between 171m and 627m depth.
	There are 4 coal seams at potentially shallow depth beneath parts of the site including the Tillery Rider No.2, Mynyddislwyn Lower Leaf, Cefn Glas and Brithdir coal seam. Four proposed turbines (T3, T7, T8 and T11) are located in the vicinity of the Mynyddislwyn coal seam. Although records indicate that unrecorded shallow workings (<30m) are not probable directly beneath site, the Coal Authority have indicated on their interactive viewer that parts of site are considered development high risk based on coal seam outcrops and have the potential to have been worked.
Key findings	A number of shafts are recorded around the perimeter of site, the nearest being over 300m to the north east of proposed turbine 1. Given that no entries are present in the vicinity of development, no further consideration of these features is required.
	There are a number of geological faults recorded beneath or close to the site. They are generally of limited extent and not thought to have resulted in significant structural movement.
	Given the significant depth of workings, the lack of any known potential direct migration pathway and the proposed form of development, the risk posed by mine gases is considered negligible.
	The potential presence of shallow workings in the Mynyddislwyn coal seam at the four proposed turbine locations is the only identified risk that requires further assessment.

 Table 3
 Summary of previous investigation reports



3 SITE INVESTIGATION STRATEGY & METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

RSK carried out intrusive investigation works between 6 and 14 March 2023.

3.2 Objectives

The specific objective of the investigation was to establish the ground conditions and assess the identified risk from coal shallow coal workings at the four proposed turbine locations (T3, T7, T8 and T11).

3.3 Selection of investigation methods

The techniques adopted for the investigation were chosen with consideration of the objectives and site constraints, which are described below.

Mechanically excavated trial pits were chosen to allow for rapid assessment of shallow ground conditions where coal was suspected to occur near surface in the vicinity of certain turbine locations. Rotary open hole drilling was conducted following the initial trial pitting exercise in search for evidence of historical shallow mine workings in coal seams beneath the site (such as coal arisings, broken ground or voids), drilling was completed to a maximum depth of 20m bgl.

Prior to conducting intrusive works, utility service plans were obtained and buried service clearance undertaken in line with RSK's health and safety procedures. Copies of statutory service records obtained by RSK as part of the agreed scope of works are contained in **Appendix C**.

3.4 Investigation strategy

The ground investigation was carried out using intrusive ground investigation techniques in general accordance with the recommendations of BS5930:2015+A1:2020, which maintains compliance with BS EN 1997-1 and 1997-2 and their related standards. Whilst every attempt was made to record full details of the strata encountered in the boreholes, techniques of hole formation will inevitably lead to disturbance, mixing or loss of material in some soils and rocks.

The investigation strategy involved targeted boreholes and trial pits following the results of a desk based report undertaken by RSK in March 2023. The report identified that four proposed turbines (T3, T7, T8 and T11) are located in the vicinity of the Mynyddislwyn coal seam and could potentially be at risk from coal mining related hazards.

The constraints to the investigation were as follows:

- overhead and underground services
- boggy terrain
- large distances between exploratory locations



• access issues during extreme weather conditions (snow and strong winds)

Details of the investigation locations and rationale are presented in Table 4. Machine excavated trial pits were dug at each of the four proposed turbine locations (T3, T7, T8 and T11) to a maximum depth of 2.50m bgl before being backfilled with arisings. Four rotary open holes were drilled at each of the four turbine locations to a maximum depth of 20m bgl before being backfilled with bentonite. An exploratory hole location plan is shown on **Figure 3**.

Investigation type	Number	Location – investigation method	Rationale	
Trial-pits excavated by mechanical excavator	4	T3 - TP T7 - TP T8 - TP T11 - TP	To investigate shallow ground conditions beneath proposed turbine locations T3, T7, T8 and T11.	
Boreholes by rotary open hole			To prove or disprove the presence of shallow mine workings beneath proposed turbine locations T3, T7, T8 and T11.	
T3 etc denotes turbine location and reference number, TP denotes mechanically excavated trial pit, RO denotes rotary open hole borehole				

Table 4 Exploratory hole and monitoring well location rationale

3.4.1 Implementation of investigation works

The site investigation works were carried out in general accordance with the UK Specification for Ground Investigation (UKSGI), third edition (AGS, 2022).

The exploratory holes were logged by an engineer in general accordance with the recommendations of BS5930:2015+A1:2020 (which incorporates the requirements of BS EN ISO 14688-1, 14688-2 and 14689-1).



4 SITE INVESTIGATION FACTUAL FINDINGS

The results of the intrusive investigation undertaken are detailed below.

4.1 Ground conditions encountered

The descriptions of the strata encountered, notes regarding visual or olfactory evidence of contamination and field observations of soil and groundwater are included on the exploratory hole records presented in **Appendix F**.

At all trial pit and borehole locations the same sequence of lithologies were recorded which varied slightly in thickness. The exploratory holes revealed that the site is underlain by a layer of peat over varying amounts of clay, sands and gravels with sandstone bedrock encountered at relatively shallow depths.

For the purpose of discussion, the ground conditions encountered during the fieldworks are summarised in Table 5 with the strata discussed in subsequent subsections.

Stratum	Exploratory holes encountered	Depth to top of stratum m bgl	Proven thickness (m)	
Peat	All four trial pits All four boreholes	0.0	0.20 - 0.60	
Clay/ sand/ gravel	All four trial pits All four boreholes	0.20 - 0.60	0.65 - 1.80	
Sandstone bedrock (believed to be the Hughes member of the Pennant Sandstone Formation)All four trial pits All four boreholes		1.00 - 2.10	18.60 - 19.00	

Table 5 General succession of strata encountered

4.1.1 Peat

Peat was encountered at all locations directly beneath the grass or moss at surface up to a depth of between 0.20m and 0.60m bgl. The peat was generally black in colour, amorphous, sandy or clayey, plastic or spongey and often contained rootlets.

4.1.2 Variable cohesive and granular unit

This stratum was encountered at all locations at a depth of between 0.20m and 0.6m below ground level and varied between 0.65m and 1.8m in thickness. Cohesive layers were generally orange brown slightly sandy gravelly clay. Granular layers were comprised of primarily sand or gravel with varying amounts of secondary components including clay, silt, sand or gravel. All gravel observed was comprised of sandstone.



4.1.3 Hughes Member of the Pennant Sandstone Formation

Bedrock (believed to represent the Hughes member of the Pennant Sandstone Formation) was encountered at all locations at a depth of between 1.00m and 2.10m below ground level and comprised of grey fine to coarse sandstone. The layer of sandstone had a minimum thickness of 18.6m.

4.2 Groundwater and surface water

4.2.1 Groundwater encountered during intrusive works

Groundwater was not encountered during the investigation works. A seepage of perched groundwater was encountered at the base of the peat in borehole T3 (RO) at 0.60 mbgl.

4.3 Coal Mining Hazards

Ground conditions which may be evidence of possible shallow underground coal mining, such as; intact coal seams; voids; broken or highly fractured ground; soft or backfilled materials within bedrock; or rapid drilling progress or unexpected loss of drilling flush, were **not** encountered in any of the exploratory boreholes.

In summary the boreholes recorded intact sandstone bedrock throughout and there was no evidence of any underground coal mining to the full depths of drilling.



5 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Coal Mining Risk Assessment

The investigation has **not** encountered **any** evidence of shallow coal seams or unrecorded shallow workings beneath site up to a maximum depth of 20m bgl in all exploratory locations.

Adequate minimum rock cover (18m to 19m) has been proved in turbine locations T3, T7, T8 and T11; should as a worst case, the seam be present immediately below the base of the borehole.

Based on the above findings, there is a **low or negligible risk** from coal mining related hazards at the assessment site and will have little/no effect on the proposed development.

5.2 Recommendations

No further investigation or remediation with regards to coal mining hazards is required at the assessment site.



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FIGURES



FIGURE 1 SITE LOCATION PLAN





FIGURE 2 SITE LAYOUT PLAN





FIGURE 3 EXPLORATORY HOLE LOCATION PLAN



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Borehole location:



T3/T7/T8/T11 = Wind turbine reference RO = Rotary open hole TP = trial pit

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- 8. The intrusive environmental site investigation aspects of the Services are a limited sampling of the site at pre-determined locations based on the known historic / operational configuration of the site. The conclusions given in this report are based on information gathered at the specific test locations and can only be extrapolated to an undefined limited area around those locations. The extent of the limited area depends on the properties of the materials adjacent and local conditions, together with the position of any current structures and underground utilities and facilities, and natural and other activities on site. In addition, chemical analysis was carried out for a limited number of parameters (as stipulated in the scope between the client and RSK, based on an understanding of the available operational and historical information) and it should not be inferred that other chemical species are not present.
- 9. Any site drawing(s) provided in this report is (are) not meant to be an accurate base plan but is (are) used to present the general relative locations of features on, and surrounding, the site. Features (intrusive and sample locations etc) annotated on site plans are not drawn to scale but are centred over the approximate location. Such features should not be used for setting out and should be considered indicative only.
- 10. The comments given in this report and the opinions expressed are based on the ground conditions encountered during the site work and on the results of tests made in the field and in the laboratory. However, there may be conditions pertaining to the site that have not been disclosed by the investigation and therefore could not be taken into account. In particular, it should be noted that there may be areas of made ground not detected due to the limited nature of the investigation or the thickness and quality of made ground across the site may be variable. In addition, groundwater levels and ground gas concentrations and flows, may vary from those reported due to seasonal, or other, effects and the limitations stated in the data should be recognised.
- 11. Asbestos is often observed to be present in soils in discrete areas. Whilst asbestos-containing materials may have been locally encountered during the fieldworks or supporting laboratory analysis, the history of brownfield and demolition sites indicates that asbestos fibres may be present more widely in soils and aggregates, which could be encountered during more extensive ground works.
- 12. Unless stated otherwise, only preliminary geotechnical recommendations are presented in this report and these should be verified in a Geotechnical Design Report, once proposed construction and structural design proposals are confirmed.



APPENDIX B DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS





APPENDIX C UTILITY SERVICE PLANS



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APPENDIX E TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

H1 Desk Study

Aquifer designation and Source protection zones

Principal aquifer: layers of rock or drift deposit that have high intergranular and/or fracture permeability (usually providing a high level of water storage). They may support water supply and/or river base flow on a strategic scale.

Secondary A aquifer: permeable layers capable of supporting water supplies at a local rather than strategic scale, and in some cases forming an important source of base flow to rivers.

Secondary B aquifer: predominantly lower permeability layers that may store and yield limited amounts of groundwater due to localised features such as fissures, thin permeable horizons and weathering.

Secondary undifferentiated aquifer: it has not been possible to attribute either a category A or B to a rock type. In most cases this means that it was previously designated as both a minor and non-aquifer in different locations owing to the variable characteristics.

Unproductive' strata: low permeability with negligible significance for water supply or river base flow.

The EA generally adopts a three-fold classification of source protection zones (SPZ) surround abstractions for public water supply. The Site is situated in an area defined as follows:

- Zone 1 or the 'inner protection zone' is located immediately adjacent to the groundwater source and is based on a 50-day travel time from any point below the water table to the source. It is designed to protect against the effects of human activity and biological/chemical contaminants that may have an immediate effect on the source
- Zone 2 or the 'outer protection zone' is defined by a 400-day travel time from a point below the water table to the source. The travel time is designed to provide delay and attenuation of slowly degrading pollutants
- Zone 3 or the 'total catchment' is the area around the source within which all groundwater recharge is presumed to be discharged at the source.

Preliminary risk assessment methodology

LCRM outlines the framework to be followed for risk assessment in the UK. The framework is designed to be consistent with UK legislation and policies including planning. An outline conceptual model should be formed at the preliminary risk assessment stage that collates all the existing information pertaining to a site in text, tabular or diagrammatic form. The outline conceptual model identifies potentially complete (termed possible) contaminant linkages (contaminant–pathway–receptor) and is used as the basis for the design of the site investigation. The outline conceptual model is updated as further information becomes available, for example as a result of the site investigation.

Production of a conceptual model requires an assessment of risk to be made. Risk is a combination of the likelihood of an event occurring and the magnitude of its consequences. Therefore, both the



likelihood and the consequences of an event must be taken into account when assessing risk. RSK has adopted guidance provided in CIRIA C552 for use in the production of conceptual models.

The likelihood of an event can be classified on a four-point system using the following terms and definitions based on CIRIA C552:

- highly likely: the event appears very likely in the short term and almost inevitable over the long term or there is evidence at the receptor of harm or pollution
- likely: it is probable that an event will occur or circumstances are such that the event is not inevitable, but possible in the short term and likely over the long term
- low likelihood: circumstances are possible under which an event could occur, but it is not certain even in the long term that an event would occur and it is less likely in the short term
- unlikely: circumstances are such that it is improbable the event would occur even in the long term.

The severity can be classified using a similar system also based on CIRIA C552. The terms and definitions relating to severity are:

- severe: short term (acute) risk to human health likely to result in 'significant harm' as defined by the Environment Protection Act 1990, Part IIA. Short-term risk of pollution of sensitive water resources. Catastrophic damage to buildings or property. Short-term risk to an ecosystem or organism forming part of that ecosystem (note definition of ecosystem in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000)
- medium: chronic damage to human health ('significant harm' as defined in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000), pollution of sensitive water resources, significant change in an ecosystem or organism forming part of that ecosystem
- mild: pollution of non-sensitive water resources. Significant damage to crops, buildings, structures and services ('significant harm' as defined in 'Draft Circular on Contaminated Land', DETR 2000). Damage to sensitive buildings, structures or the environment
- minor: harm, not necessarily significant, but that could result in financial loss or expenditure to resolve. Non-permanent human health effects easily prevented by use of personal protective clothing. Easily repairable damage to buildings, structures and services.

Once the probability of an event occurring and its consequences have been classified, a risk category can be assigned according to the table below.

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Definitions of these risk categories are as follows together with an assessment of the further work that may be required:

- very high: there is a high probability that severe harm could occur or there is evidence that severe harm is currently happening. This risk, if realised, could result in substantial liability; urgent investigation and remediation are likely to be required
- high: harm is likely to occur. Realisation of the risk is likely to present a substantial liability. Urgent investigation is required. Remedial works may be necessary in the short term and are likely over the long term
- moderate: it is possible that harm could arise, but it is unlikely that the harm would be severe and it is more likely that the harm would be relatively mild. Investigation is normally required to clarify the risk and determine the liability. Some remedial works may be required in the longer term
- low: it is possible that harm could occur, but it is likely that if realised this harm would at worst normally be mild
- very low: there is a low possibility that harm could occur and if realised the harm is unlikely to be severe.

H2 Site Investigation Methodology

Ground gas monitoring

An infrared gas meter was used to measure gas flow, concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO_2) , methane (CH_4) and oxygen (O_2) in percentage by volume, while hydrogen sulphide (H_2S) and carbon monoxide (CO) were recorded in parts per million. Initial and steady state concentrations were recorded. In addition, during the first monitoring round, all wells were screened with a PID to establish if there are any interferences and cross-sensitivity of other hydrocarbons with the infrared gas meter.

Low flow groundwater sampling

Groundwater samples were retrieved using a low-flow purging and sampling methodology

The low-flow method relies on moving groundwater through the well screen at approximately the same rate as it flows through the geological formation. This results in a significant reduction in the volume of water extracted before sampling and significantly reduces the amount of disturbance of the water in the monitoring well during purging and sampling. Drawdown levels in the monitoring well and water quality indicator parameters (pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, redox potential and dissolved oxygen) are monitored during low-flow purging and sampling, with stabilisation indicating that purging is complete and sampling can begin. As the flow rate used for purging, in most cases, is the same or only slightly higher than the flow rate used for sampling, and because purging and sampling are conducted as one continuous operation in the field, the process is referred to as low-flow purging and sampling.

Reuse of suitable materials

The Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice (CL:AIRE, 2011) (CoP) was developed in consultation with the Environment Agency and development industry to enable the



re-use of materials under certain scenarios and subject to demonstrating that specific criteria are met. The current reuse scenarios covered by the CoP comprise

- reuse on the site of origin (with or without treatment)
- direct transfer of clean and natural soils between sites
- use in the development of land other than the site of origin following treatment at an authorised Hub site (including a fixed soil treatment facility).

The importation of made ground soils (irrespective of contamination status) or crushed demolition materials is not permitted currently under the CoP and requires either a standard rules environmental permit or a U1 waste exemption (see below).

In the context of excavated materials used on-sites undergoing development, four factors are considered to be of particular relevance in determining if the material is a waste or when it ceases to be waste:

- the aim of the Waste Framework Directive is not undermined, i.e. if the use of the material will create an unacceptable risk of pollution of the environment or harm to human health it is likely to be waste
- the material is certain to be used
- the material is suitable for use both chemically and geotechnically
- only the required quantity of material will be used.

The CoP requires the preparation of a materials management plan (MMP) that confirms the above factors will be met. This plan needs to be reviewed by a 'Qualified Person' (QP) who will then issue a declaration form to the EA. As the project progresses, data must be collated and on completion a verification report produced that shows the MMP was followed and describes any changes.

The MMP establishes whether specific materials are classified as waste and how excavated materials will be treated and/or reused in line with the CoP. The MMP is likely to form part of the site waste management plan.



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Rotary openhole drilling

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Comacchio GEO 305

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