

Internal note (only)

of meeting with Albert Owen MP and delegation, 10 December 2009 at 10:00hrs,
at Gwydyr House.

Present:
Secretary of State for Wales

Albert Owen MP

Judith Nedin, Wales Office
Phillip Chapman, Wales Office

Context

Economic situation with closure of Anglesey Aluminium.

Industry in Germany and Bremerhaven in particular, far in advanced of that in the UK and no wind manufacturing base in Wales.

Proposal

The consortium wants to set up a multi-occupancy assembly and maintenance hub for wind turbines on former Anglesey Aluminium site. They are in advanced negotiations with the land owners (Rio Tinto).

Site, position and existing facilities lend themselves very well to the proposal.

Current deep water access will be a challenge. The consortium is looking at deep water access and jetty for transportation and potential for export.

The consortium is keen developments move forward quickly so use can be made of existing highly skilled workforce in the area before they disperse looking for alternative employment.

Support requested

Need Government support both political and in terms of funding, which would help encourage wind Chief Executives to invest in this venture.

Albert Owen already had discussions with Carwyn Jones, meeting with Leighton Andrews with WAG officials present (Dr Loveland and Ian Williams) and WAG are assisting with consortium's business plan.