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**OUR
HIGHLIGHTS
FROM 2024**

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A LOOK BACK AS WE PLAN FORWARD

It's hard to believe that 2025 is fast approaching.

2024 has been another busy and enjoyable year for Cwmni Eginio and we've been honoured to work with so many great people.

Whilst bringing nuclear projects forward can often feel like a lengthy and arduous endeavour, it's been good to see progress made again this year - the purchase of the Wylfa site, the continuation of the SMR competition, and investment in Haleu fuel being some of the positive steps.

As we reach the end of this year and look forward to the next, here are Cwmni Eginio's highlights from the past twelve months.

1 MAKING THE CASE FOR NUCLEAR INVESTMENT

A NUCLEAR PROSPECTUS FOR WALES

With substantial investment in nuclear likely over the coming decades, there's a huge opportunity for the Welsh economy, and North Wales is strongly positioned to drive economic growth from nuclear in Wales. Moreover, nuclear investment would significantly support the long-term vibrancy of our communities and improve their social, economic and environmental well-being for the future.

We want to secure a fair share of UK nuclear investment for Wales but recognise it won't land in our lap. We need strong advocacy at a political level as well as cross-sector, region-wide support to help make it happen.

We have published 'North Wales: A Nuclear-Ready Region - Prospectus for Future Investment' which consolidates our work to date and the efforts of other stakeholders across the nuclear sector and the region. The document demonstrates how Wales could capitalise on projected growth in the UK's civil nuclear sector, makes the case for bringing new nuclear to North Wales, and showcases what the region has to offer.

Use the QR code to view the Prospectus, or go to our website: www.cwmniegino.wales



2 CONTINUING TO EXPLORE OPTIONS AT TRAWS

SITE CHARACTERISATION AND MARKET ENGAGEMENT

Cwmni Eginio presented a Business Proposition to the Welsh and UK Governments in 2023, outlining the suitability of Trawsfynydd to host small scale nuclear development, and potentially to be one of the first Small Modular Reactor (SMR) sites in the UK.

It transpired earlier this year that Great British Nuclear (GBN) doesn't favour Traws for the first wave SMR deployment - meaning that our proposition is unlikely to be delivered as part of the GBN programme. We believe, however, that it's important to safeguard the option for deployment in the longer term, and our work strengthens the case for investment in the future.

This year, we carried out further site characterisation work on land owned by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) covering aspects such as land availability, ecology, heritage and topography. This was used to produce a Site Information Pack which we're sharing with market players (e.g. technology vendors) to explore private developer interest in taking a project forward.

We remain committed to promoting any efforts to bring benefits to the area and to increase the attractiveness of the site for future nuclear investment. We are supporting the Welsh Government's Project ARTHUR feasibility work for a proposed medical radioisotopes facility at Traws, as well as taking part in early discussions regarding a science park style facility on, or near, the site to capitalise on opportunities from decommissioning, potential future nuclear power generation and radioisotope production.

3 UNDERSTANDING THE SUPPLY CHAIN

SUPPLY CHAIN CAPABILITY STUDY

In April, Cwmni Eginio commissioned Gardiner & Theobald to undertake a study of the supply chain in Wales to gain a better understanding of the current and potential capability, capacity and appetite of Welsh companies to work in nuclear. One of the main purposes of the study is to support a cross-sector, regional approach to supply chain development and market engagement.

The study will be published in the new year and shared widely to help inform conversations about how we can collaborate to support people and businesses in North Wales to capitalise on the opportunities from nuclear-related inward investment.

The study has found that there are currently 345 Welsh companies working in the nuclear sector, generating c. £160M of sales annually. Of these, 114 are based in North Wales, generating c£63M annually for the regional economy.

*This excludes the contribution from regional offices of UK wide businesses headquartered outside Wales.

£23-26bn

Total capacity of potential Welsh nuclear suppliers

10,900+

Number of potential Welsh nuclear suppliers

4 BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Over the course of the year, we've had over 300 meetings with stakeholders and attended over 30 regional and industry events. But the value of these interactions lies not in the volume, but in the quality and constructive nature of the discussions.

We can't achieve our mission to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits through new nuclear alone; it can only be realised through working in partnership with others.

We are very proud to have established positive stakeholder relationships - locally, regionally, nationally and across sectors - and are grateful for the continued support and collaborative engagement with others who strive to create the conditions for a thriving North Wales.



5 PUTTING OUR PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE

OUR APPROACH TO SOCIAL VALUE AND ENGAGEMENT

Our fundamental driver is to deliver social value and help make North Wales an attractive place to live and work, where there are sustainable social and economic opportunities for people, now and in the future.

We have published a Social Value Handbook which sets out priority actions to help positively position North Wales to benefit fully from future nuclear investment. This goes hand in hand with an Engagement Handbook which aims to ensure that every aspect of our involvement and engagement activity is purposeful, considered and supports our core mission.

We hope that our approach will inspire and influence others within the nuclear sector and beyond to design and deliver projects, from start to finish, in a way which respects and promotes host communities' needs and aspirations.



← The Cwmni Egino Social Value Handbook is available on our website, www.cwmniegino.wales/publications

6 TIDYING UP YR WYDDFA WITH CARU ERYRI

LITTER PICKING CLIMB TO THE SUMMIT OF SNOWDON

Over the summer, we spent an extremely enjoyable and Cwmni Egino Team Day litter picking on Wales's highest mountain with 'Caru Eryri/Care for Snowdonia' - an excellent local volunteering initiative run by Eryri National Park in collaboration with the Eryri Society, the Outdoor Partnership and the National Trust.

It was a pleasure to support the project's efforts to mitigate the growing impact of visitors on the National Park and help maintain the area's exceptional beauty for everyone to enjoy. A highly recommended activity to nurture team spirit and do good at the same time!



The Cwmni Egino team collected 4.1kg of litter and another 0.7kg of recyclable litter on the Wyddfa Llanberis path.

7 INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE REGION

EGNI STEM SCHOOLS OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Since 2023, Cwmni Eginu alongside Cyngor Gwynedd have been working with M-SParc to develop and deliver the Egni STEM outreach programme for schools in Gwynedd and Anglesey with funding from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and the Shared Prosperity Fund. It's been great to see the project go from strength to strength again this year.

Over the course of ten weeks, children are posed with one of the most challenging questions of our time - how can we power our communities in a sustainable and responsible way for the future? By tackling this challenge, the programme educates and raises awareness among school children about nuclear and other clean energy sources, as well as the career options available to them locally within the low carbon sector.

Around 500 local school children have so far taken part across 20 schools. We've really enjoyed being part of the programme and have been inspired by the creative ideas and solutions generated by the region's young people.



8 VISITING HINKLEY POINT C

A TASTE OF WHAT COULD COME TO NORTH WALES



The Hinkley Point C new nuclear project on the Somerset Coast is a real life example of how new nuclear development can boost regional economies and support local communities.

We were lucky to have the opportunity to visit the site in October this year, and to see first hand the hive of activity created by the project. Speaking to staff from the local area confirmed to us what a difference such investment has made to their communities.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the visit and agreed it was absolutely mind-blowing to see the scale of construction activity on site. It also made us more determined than ever to do all we can to make sure that North Wales sees similar activity in the future.

9 WORKING WITH BANGOR UNIVERSITY

DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP

We have established a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangor University to develop our strategic relationship and build on our shared commitment to one another's success and to the health, wellbeing, and economy of North Wales and more widely.

We are proud to have such an incredible University on our doorstep - home to a research-intensive community with interests including low-carbon solutions to energy generation, storage, and monitoring. It also hosts the world-renowned Nuclear Futures Institute (NFI) which is leading the way in nuclear science and engineering

Working with Dr Edward Jones, a leading Welsh socio-economics expert, we have been looking at global examples of community benefits realisation in order to further our thinking and planning around maximising opportunities for North Wales from nuclear.

We look forward to sharing Dr Ed's work in the new year, as well as further collaboration with colleagues at the NFI and the University more broadly.

10 STRENGTHENING OUR NETWORK

SUPPORTING SMEs, ENHANCING OUR TEAM

During 2024, we have been working with small businesses and subject experts to deliver key workstreams, including social value, engagement activities and advocacy building.

These companies enrich the expertise of Cwmni Eginio and bring a wealth of experience and capability to enhance the capacity of our team. We're proud to say that a significant proportion of our extended family is based in Wales, and predominantly North Wales.

It's been very encouraging to see working relationships being built between our partner companies, with other avenues for joint bidding and collaboration being explored beyond the arrangements with Cwmni Eginio.

Since January, we have spent in excess of £450,000 in Wales on goods, services and employment - again, the majority of this spend has been within our home region.

We understand what a difference even relatively small purchases and contracts can make for the regional economy and the sustainability of our communities and we'll continue to support local businesses wherever possible.

11 BRINGING THE REGION AND INDUSTRY TOGETHER

'SEIZING THE NUCLEAR OPPORTUNITY' EVENT

We recently hosted an event in Bangor alongside the Wales Nuclear Forum to discuss how North Wales can capitalise on the significant opportunity from new nuclear investment in the region. Crucially, it was not just aimed at people working in the nuclear industry - it was designed for anyone who's passionate about the future socio-economic wellbeing of North Wales.



It was great to see so many people with such broad and diverse perspectives coming together to collectively explore how North Wales can most effectively capture future benefits from nuclear. There were a series of rich discussions and practical tasks to explore what 'seizing the nuclear opportunity' means in practice, and many areas identified for future action and intervention.

The event kicked off an important conversation involving people across sectors and interests. We are now collating the key points raised during the event which we plan to share over the coming weeks. We're also planning which steps to take next to move the conversation forward.

12 LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

BUILDING ON THE MOMENTUM OF 2024

We have thoroughly enjoyed our journey through 2024, and are already planning activity for the new year to keep up the momentum.

We will be continuing to share our knowledge and learnings, working with others to strengthen and realise the prospects for nuclear investment in North Wales, and supporting our partners - including the Welsh and UK Governments - to deliver the UK nuclear programme.

We have plans for a series of Cwmni Eginio 'lunch & learn' webinars as well as collaborative projects to promote benefits for the region so watch this space!

Thank you to everyone who's supported and worked with Cwmni Eginio over the past twelve months.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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