

# NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE IN A PROJECT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

## HAF Wind Energy Project Published in accordance with S.15(1)(a)(b) of Ontario Regulation 359/09

Vineland Power Inc. is planning to develop and construct a wind energy project in the Township of West Lincoln, in Niagara Region, Ontario. Vineland Power Inc. has retained IPC Energy Inc. (IPC Energy) to develop the project. IPC Energy has retained Morrison Hershfield Limited to perform the necessary environmental studies and consultation. The distribution of this notice of a proposal to engage in this wind energy project and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act of Ontario* ("the Act") Part V.0.1. and Ontario Regulation 359/09 ("the Regulation") which addresses Renewable Energy Approvals ("REA"). This notice is being distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation.

MH is currently preparing studies of the environmental effects of the development and operation of the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation. Where applicable, MH will work with the appropriate federal and provincial agencies to ensure that the project meets the requirements for federal and/or provincial permits or approvals. This may include an approval under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA").



**Project Description:** The proposed HAF Wind Energy Project is located in south-western Ontario, in the Township of West Lincoln, in Niagara Region. The project area is located south of the community of Tweedside, west of the community of Smithville, and east of the community of Woodburn (please see map for location). Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the project is considered to be a Class 4 wind facility. If approved, this project would have a total name plate capacity of approximately 10 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. Environmental studies will be conducted over an area of approximately 48 km<sup>2</sup>, with between 4 to 5 wind turbines proposed, depending upon the turbine manufacturer and model selected. All wind turbines are to be placed in open agricultural fields within the required setbacks from residences, natural heritage, water, and other features required under the REA.

A draft Project Description Report titled *HAF Wind Energy Project Renewable Energy Approval Project Description Report* has been prepared, which provides additional project information and details. This document is available to anyone interested. A copy has been made available for public review at the Township of West Lincoln Clerk's Office (318 Canborough Street, P.O. Box 400, Smithville, Ontario, L0R 2A0). The draft Project Description Report can also be viewed on the project website at [www.ipcenergy.ca](http://www.ipcenergy.ca).

**Public Open House #1:** If you are interested, and would like to learn more about any aspect of this project, please attend our Public Open House. Your participation is an important part of our consultation process. We are interested in incorporating your input in to the project's design, where technically and economically feasible. Public Open Houses provide you with the opportunity to meet the project team, learn about the REA process, and provide comments and questions regarding the project. This will be the first of two Public Open Houses for this project; the next will be scheduled in the fall of 2010. We appreciate your input and welcome your attendance at our first Public Open House scheduled for:

**Date:** August 25, 2010  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Township of West Lincoln, Caistor Community Centre  
9184 Regional Road 65  
Silver Street RR 2  
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**For More Information:** If you are unable to attend the Public Open House or wish to learn more about the proposed project, public meetings, or to communicate questions or comments, please contact:

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