

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **LAUNCH OF THE REN21 RENEWABLES 2011 GLOBAL STATUS REPORT**

Presented during the  
“7<sup>th</sup> Australian Wind Energy Conference”

12-13 December 2011  
Hilton Park, Melbourne

The REN21 Renewables 2011 Global Status Report (GSR2011) will be officially launched in Australia by REN21 Vice Chairman Peter Rae during the 7<sup>th</sup> Australian Wind Energy Conference being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December in Melbourne Australia.

The Conference will address many of the pressing issues in relation to the Wind Industry with targeted content focused on business growth, financing and changes in policy and regulation across the wind energy spectrum in an exclusive circle of senior-level investment and business decision-makers. The information contained in the REN21 report is particularly material to the consideration of those issues.

The GSR2011 launch in Melbourne will give the Australian renewable energy community a the use in the conference discussions of the authoritative facts and figures presented in the report and the state of renewable energy in general.

Mr Rae, speaking before the launch, said “The REN21 Renewables Global Status Report provides a unique overview of the status of renewable energy worldwide, covering markets, investment, industries, policies, and rural (off-grid) renewable energy in developing countries. The remarkable growth of the world wide wind industry is identified through the statistics in the Report, showing that wind generation capacity reaching 196,000 MW by the end of year 2010 (He added that it reached 215,000 MW by mid-year 2011).

“Annual editions of the REN21 Global Status report provide an integrated perspective on the global renewable energy situation. Since the first Global Status Report was produced six years ago, the analysis has become the most frequently referenced report on renewable energy business and policy, serving a wide range of audiences from investors and government decision makers to students, project developers, researchers, and industrial manufacturers.”

“The REN21 Renewables 2011 Global Status Report will now be formally released in Australia and shows that the renewable energy sector continues to perform well despite continuing economic recession, incentive cuts, and low natural-gas prices” Mr. Rae said.

In 2010, renewable energy supplied an estimated 16% of global final energy consumption and delivered close to 20% of global electricity. Renewable capacity now comprises about a quarter of total global power-generating capacity.

The report was commissioned by REN21 and produced in collaboration with a global network of research partners.

“The global performance of renewable energy despite the global financial crisis has been a positive constant in turbulent times”, said Mr Rae. “Today, more people than ever before derive energy from renewables as capacity continues to grow, prices continue to fall, and share of global energy from renewable energy continue to increase”.