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28 November 2006

RECOMMENDED CASH AND SHARE OFFER

FOR

SCOTTISH POWER PLC

BY

IBERDROLA, S.A.

Summary

The Board of Iberdrola, S.A. (**Iberdrola**) is pleased to announce that it has secured the unanimous recommendation of the Board of Scottish Power plc (**ScottishPower**) of the terms of an Offer for the acquisition of ScottishPower by Iberdrola and/or a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola (the **Offer**).

Under the terms of the Offer, ScottishPower Shareholders will receive 400 pence (Euro 5.90) in cash and 0.1646 of a New Iberdrola Share, for every ScottishPower Share.

ScottishPower ADS Holders will receive 1600 pence (Euro 23.61) in cash and 0.6584 of a New Iberdrola Share, for every ScottishPower ADS.

Before the Effective Date, ScottishPower will declare a special dividend of 12 pence (Euro 0.18) (the **Special Dividend**) for every ScottishPower Share (which will amount to 48 pence (Euro 0.71) for every ScottishPower ADS) payable to ScottishPower Shareholders on the register of ScottishPower on the Scheme Record Date and will be paid shortly after the Effective Date.

The Offer values each ScottishPower Share at 777 pence (Euro 11.47) and the entire issued ordinary share capital of ScottishPower at approximately £11.6 billion (Euro 17.1 billion) (inclusive of the Special Dividend) (based on the Closing Price of an Iberdrola Share on 27 November 2006 of Euro 32.75 and on an exchange rate of Euro 1.4755: £1).

Under the terms of the Offer ScottishPower Shareholders will:

- receive approximately 53.0 per cent. of the consideration in the form of cash, including the Special Dividend; and

- retain an ongoing investment in the Enlarged Iberdrola Group.

The Offer will include a Mix and Match Facility, allowing ScottishPower Shareholders to elect to vary the proportions of cash and New Iberdrola Shares they receive, subject to the elections made by other ScottishPower Shareholders.

A Loan Note Alternative will also be offered (other than to ScottishPower Shareholders in Loan Note Restricted Jurisdictions and US resident holders of ScottishPower Shares or ScottishPower ADS Holders).

The New Iberdrola Shares to be issued are expected to represent approximately 21.4 per cent. of the issued share capital of Iberdrola as enlarged by the acquisition of the ScottishPower Group.

Established over 100 years ago, Iberdrola is a leading European utility, headquartered in Spain, with business operations in gas and electricity across 28 countries. As of 30 September 2006 it was also one of the world's leading producers of wind energy. In the financial year ended 31 December 2005 it reported total revenues of £7,955 million (Euro 11,738 million) and profit from operations of £1,533 million (Euro 2,262 million).

ScottishPower is an international energy company, involved in the business of electricity transmission and distribution services in the UK, the supply of electricity and gas services to homes and businesses across the UK and has electricity generation and gas storage facilities in the UK and North America. In the financial year ended 31 March 2006 it reported total revenues of £5,446 million (Euro 8,036 million) and an operating profit of £870 million (Euro 1,283 million) from continuing operations.

Iberdrola believes the combination with ScottishPower is strategically attractive, creating a leading European integrated utilities group with a broad geographical presence and a strong platform for future growth:

- the third largest European utility company with a pro forma Enterprise Value of £43.2 billion (Euro 63.8 billion);
- aggregate installed generation capacity on a pro forma basis of 36,603 MW and 21.4 million electricity points of supply as at 30 September 2006;
- 5,707 MW of installed wind generation capacity and 333 MW of installed small hydro generation capacity on a pro-forma basis making the combined Group the leading global renewable energy company;

- annual pre-tax operating cost savings of at least £88 million (Euro 130 million)¹ and average annual capital expenditure savings of £30 million (Euro 44 million).¹

The proposed acquisition is expected to be immediately earnings enhancing.²

Iberdrola attaches great value to the skills and experience of the business management and employees of ScottishPower. They will be critical to the success of the Enlarged Iberdrola Group and Iberdrola fully expects that they will continue to play a vital role in the business going forward.

It is intended that the Offer will be made by Iberdrola and/or a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola, and will be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement under section 425 of the Act.

The Offer is conditional on, among other things, the approval of both companies' shareholders. In addition to the sanction of the Court, to become effective, the Scheme also requires, amongst other things, the approval of a majority in number representing 75 per cent. or more in value of the relevant ScottishPower Shareholders present and voting in person or by proxy at the Court Meeting and the passing of the ScottishPower EGM Resolution at the ScottishPower EGM. The approval of certain regulatory authorities, including the European Commission, the US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and US state regulatory commissions or authorities will also be required. In addition, all applicable waiting periods under the United States Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and the regulations thereunder, and the Exon-Florio provision of the Defence Production Act of 1950, as amended by Section 5021 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, will need to have expired.

The ScottishPower Board, which has been so advised by Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited, consider the terms of the Offer to be fair and reasonable. In providing advice to the ScottishPower Board, Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited has taken into account the commercial assessments of the ScottishPower Board.

Accordingly, the ScottishPower Board unanimously recommends that ScottishPower Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the ScottishPower EGM as they have undertaken to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings of ScottishPower Shares, representing as at the date of this announcement, in aggregate, approximately 0.1 per cent. of the existing ScottishPower Shares.

The Scheme will be put to ScottishPower Shareholders at the Court Meeting and at the ScottishPower EGM, which will be convened in due course. It is expected that the Scheme Document will be posted to ScottishPower Shareholders in March 2007 and that, subject to the satisfaction of the Conditions, the Scheme will become Effective during April 2007.

¹ The expected cost savings have been calculated on the basis of the existing cost and operating structures of the current Iberdrola Group and ScottishPower Group. These statements of estimated cost savings relate to future actions and circumstances which by their nature involve risks, uncertainties, contingencies and other factors. As a result, the cost savings referred to may not be achieved, or those achieved may be materially different from those estimated.

² This statement does not constitute a profit forecast and should not be interpreted to mean that earnings for the year to 31 December 2007 or any subsequent financial period would necessarily be greater than those for any preceding financial period.

Commenting on today's announcement, Ignacio Galán, Chairman and CEO of Iberdrola, said:

The proposed integration of ScottishPower with Iberdrola is fully in line with our respective strategies. It will create Europe's third largest utility; it will create value for both our companies; and it will be very positive for employees and consumers, who will benefit from the competitive advantages of the new group. We will be able to achieve near term synergies and access economies of scale in the medium and long term through common systems and processes. The new group will be well positioned for the future European energy market and will enjoy a strong growth platform in Spain, the United Kingdom, Continental Europe, North America and the global market, particularly in renewable energy, a sector in which it will be a world leader. All of this will be positive for all our stakeholders.

Philip Bowman, CEO of ScottishPower, said:

While ScottishPower has demonstrated strong performance across all its businesses over the past 12 months, consolidation activity has resulted in massive change within the European utilities landscape. ScottishPower needs to expand its geographical presence, diversify operating risks, achieve greater economies of scale and have the financial strength to invest in substantially larger infrastructure projects over coming years. This transaction achieves these objectives without the adverse social consequences for employees that would be likely in most other merger scenarios. The combination of the two businesses will enable ScottishPower to compete on a global scale in an increasingly competitive environment and the terms offered by Iberdrola provide an attractive price for ScottishPower Shareholders and allow shareholders the opportunity to maintain an interest in the Enlarged Iberdrola Group.

Iberdrola will host a conference call and webcast for analysts in Spain at 09.30 (CET) today to discuss this announcement. The dial-in numbers are +34 91 789 5117 (this call will be in Spanish), +34 91 789 2387 (this call will have an English translation) and +44 207 107 0685 (this call will have an English translation). The webcast URL is www.iberdrola.com.

This summary should be read in conjunction with the full text of the following announcement and the Appendices to it.

Appendix I sets out the Conditions and certain further terms of the Scheme. Appendix II sets out the bases and sources of certain of the information contained in this announcement. Appendix III contains the definitions of certain terms used in this announcement.

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Further Information on the Offer

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This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus equivalent document. ScottishPower Shareholders are advised to read carefully the formal documentation in relation to the Offer once the Scheme Document has been despatched.

The availability of the New Iberdrola Shares, the Mix and Match Facility and the Loan Note Alternative

under the terms of the Offer to persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements. Further details in relation to Overseas Persons who are ScottishPower Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document.

The Iberdrola Shares and any Loan Notes to be issued in connection with the proposed Offer may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an effective registration statement under the US Securities Act or pursuant to a valid exemption from registration.

To the extent that the Offer is effected by way of the Scheme, the New Iberdrola Shares to be issued to ScottishPower Shareholders under the terms of the Scheme have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act, or under the securities laws of any state, district or other jurisdiction of the United States, or of Canada, Australia or Japan and no regulatory clearances in respect of the New Iberdrola Shares have been, or will be, applied for in any jurisdiction. It is expected that the New Iberdrola Shares will be issued in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof. Under applicable US securities laws, ScottishPower Shareholders who are or will be deemed to be affiliates of ScottishPower or Iberdrola prior to, or of Iberdrola after, the Effective Date will be subject to certain transfer restrictions relating to the New Iberdrola Shares received in connection with the Scheme.

The Loan Notes to be issued pursuant to the Loan Note Alternative have not been, and will not be, listed on any stock exchange and have not been, and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States; the relevant clearances have not been, and will not be, obtained from the securities commission of any province of Canada; nor has any prospectus been lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission; nor have any steps been taken, nor will any steps be taken, to enable the Loan Notes to be offered in compliance with the applicable securities laws of Japan. Accordingly, unless an exemption under relevant securities law is available, the Loan Notes may not be offered, sold, resold, delivered or transferred, directly or indirectly, in or into a Loan Note Restricted Jurisdiction in which an offer of Loan Notes would constitute a violation of the relevant laws of, or require registration of the Loan Notes in, such jurisdiction or to, or for the account or benefit of, a person located in a Loan Note Restricted Jurisdiction.

Whether or not a ScottishPower Shareholder votes at any Court Meeting or at the ScottishPower EGM, if the Offer becomes Effective, the ScottishPower Shares held by all ScottishPower Shareholders will be acquired pursuant to the Scheme and ScottishPower Shareholders will, subject to the Mix and Match Facility and Loan Note Alternative, receive a payment of 400 pence (Euro 5.90) in cash and 0.1646 of a New Iberdrola Share for every ScottishPower Share.

ScottishPower will prepare the Scheme Document to be distributed to ScottishPower Shareholders. Iberdrola and ScottishPower strongly advise ScottishPower Shareholders to read the Scheme Document when it becomes available because it will contain important information relating to the Offer.

Any response in relation to the Offer should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document or any document by which the Takeover Offer is made.

Iberdrola reserves the right to elect to implement the Offer by way of a Takeover Offer, subject to the prior consent of ScottishPower. If the Offer is carried out by way of Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into Canada, Australia or Japan, or possibly certain other jurisdictions, and will not be capable of acceptance from or within Canada, Australia or Japan or any such other jurisdictions. Accordingly, copies of this announcement and all other documents relating to any Takeover Offer will not be, and must not be, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from Canada, Australia or Japan or any such other jurisdictions.

If the Offer were to be made by way of a Takeover Offer, to the extent that the Iberdrola Shares issued in connection with the proposed Takeover Offer are required to be registered in the United States, a registration statement on Form F-4, which will include a prospectus, will be filed with the SEC. If an exemption from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act is available, the Iberdrola Shares issued in connection with the proposed Offer will be made available within the United States pursuant to such exemption and not pursuant to an effective registration statement on Form F-4. **ScottishPower Shareholders are strongly advised to read the registration statement and prospectus, if and when available, and any other relevant documents made available to them and/or the SEC or other applicable regulatory authorities, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. ScottishPower Shareholders should also read the related solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9 that may be filed with the SEC by ScottishPower relating to any takeover offer.** If and when filed, investors may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the prospectus as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain these transaction-related documents for free from the parties involved or a duly appointed agent.

Persons receiving copies of this announcement and all other documents relating to the Offer (including, without limitation, nominees, trustees and custodians) should observe these restrictions and must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send such documents in, into or from Canada, Australia, Japan or any such other jurisdictions in violation of these restrictions and applicable laws. Doing so could, among other things, invalidate any related purported acceptance of the Takeover Offer. The Takeover Offer would be made in accordance with the requirements of the City Code.

The Offer relates to the shares of a Scottish company and is proposed to be made by means of a scheme of arrangement under Section 425 of the Act which will be governed by Scots law. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules under the Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Scheme is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the requirements of US tender offer rules. Financial information included in the relevant documentation will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the UK that may not be comparable to the financial statements of US companies.

Forward Looking Statements

This announcement contains statements about Iberdrola and ScottishPower that are or may be forward looking statements, including for the purposes of the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this announcement may be forward looking statements. Without limitation, any statements preceded or followed by or that include the words targets , plans , believes , expects , aims , intends , will , should , may , anticipates , estimates , synergies , cost savings , projects , similar substance or the negative thereof, are forward looking statements. Forward looking statements include statements relating to the following: (i) the expected timetable for completing this transaction, future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects of Iberdrola, ScottishPower or the Enlarged Iberdrola Group; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Iberdrola s, ScottishPower s or the Enlarged Iberdrola Group s operations and potential synergies resulting from the acquisition; and (iii) the effects of government regulation on Iberdrola s, ScottishPower s or the Enlarged Iberdrola Group s business.

These forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. They have not been reviewed by the auditors of Iberdrola or ScottishPower. These forward looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause them to differ from the actual results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward looking statements. These forward looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the present and future business strategies of such persons and the environment in which each will operate in the future. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date they were made. All subsequent oral or written forward looking statements attributable to Iberdrola or ScottishPower or any of their respective members, directors, officers or employees or any persons acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above. All forward looking statements included in this announcement are based on information available to Iberdrola and ScottishPower on the date hereof. Investors should not place undue reliance on such forward looking statements, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statements.

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Under the provisions of Rule 8.3 of the City Code, if any person is, or becomes, interested (directly or indirectly) in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of Iberdrola or of ScottishPower, all dealings in any relevant securities of that company (including by means of an option in respect of, or a derivative referenced to, any such relevant securities) must be publicly disclosed by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction. This requirement will continue until the date on which the acquisition becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn or on which the offer period otherwise ends. If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an interest in relevant securities of Iberdrola or ScottishPower, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

Under the provisions of Rule 8.1 of the City Code, all dealings in relevant securities of Iberdrola or of ScottishPower by Iberdrola or ScottishPower, or by any of their respective associates , must be disclosed by no later than 12.00 noon (London time) on the London business day following the date of the relevant transaction.

A disclosure table, giving details of the companies in whose relevant securities dealings should be disclosed, and the number of such securities in issue, can be found on the Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk.

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1. Introduction

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Established over 100 years ago, Iberdrola is a leading European utility, headquartered in Spain, with business operations in gas and electricity across 28 countries. In 2005, it had a gross energy production of 85.7 billion KWh. As of 30 September 2006 Iberdrola had total installed generation capacity of 28,065 MW and managed 18.1 million electricity supply points. It is also the world's leading producer of wind energy with 3,743 MW of installed capacity as of 30 September 2006. Iberdrola has an integrated position in the Spanish electricity market. Additionally, it is also involved in engineering and construction and real estate services. For the financial year ended 31 December 2005, the Iberdrola Group had total revenue of £7,955 million (Euro 11,738 million) and a profit from operations of £1,533 million (Euro 2,262 million).

Further information on Iberdrola is set out in paragraph 9 of this announcement.

2. The Offer

It is intended that the Offer will be implemented by way of the Scheme. Under the terms of the Scheme, which will be subject to the further terms and Conditions set out below in Appendix I to this announcement, ScottishPower Shareholders and holders of ScottishPower ADSs at the Scheme Record Date will receive, subject to the elections made under the Mix and Match Facility and the Loan Note Alternative:

for each ScottishPower Share	400 pence (Euro 5.90) in cash; and
for each ScottishPower ADS	1600 pence (Euro 23.61) in cash; and
	0.6584 of a New Iberdrola Share

Before the Effective Date, ScottishPower will declare a special dividend of 12 pence (Euro 0.18) (the **Special Dividend**) for every ScottishPower Share (which will amount to 48 pence (Euro 0.71) per ScottishPower ADS) payable to ScottishPower Shareholders on the register of ScottishPower on the Scheme Record Date. This will be paid shortly after the Effective Date.

Based on the Closing Price of an Iberdrola Share on 27 November 2006 (being the last business day prior to this announcement) of £22.20 (Euro 32.75) per Iberdrola Share, the terms of the Offer value each ScottishPower Share at 777 pence (Euro 11.47).

These terms represent:

a premium of 4.2 per cent. to the Closing Price of 746.00 pence (Euro 11.01) for each ScottishPower Share on 27 November 2006 (being the last day prior to the date of this announcement);

a premium of 15.8 per cent. to the Closing Price of 671.50 pence (Euro 9.91) for each ScottishPower Share on 7 November 2006 (being the last day prior to the commencement of the offer period); and

a premium of approximately 21.5 per cent. to the average daily Closing Price of 639.65 pence (Euro 9.44) per ScottishPower Share for the three months ended 7 November 2006 (being the last day prior to the commencement of the offer period).

Fractions of New Iberdrola Shares will not be allotted, but will be aggregated and sold in the market after the Effective Date and the net proceeds of such sale shall be paid in cash to ScottishPower Shareholders entitled thereto in accordance with their fractional entitlements.

The New Iberdrola Shares are expected to represent approximately 21.4 per cent. of the issued share capital of Iberdrola as enlarged by the Offer.

If the Scheme becomes Effective, the Depositary will provide registered holders of ScottishPower ADSs with information regarding the surrender of their ScottishPower ADSs. Additional settlement arrangements for ScottishPower ADS Holders will be set out in the Scheme Document.

The ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares will not be included in the Offer and the rights attaching to the ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares will be unaffected by the Offer. The B Share Dividend will continue to be payable annually in arrears on 28 May or such later date as the Directors of Iberdrola and/or ScottishPower may determine. Further details regarding the treatment of the ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares will be set out in the Scheme Document.

The New Iberdrola Shares will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank pari passu in all respects with existing Iberdrola Shares and will be entitled to all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by Iberdrola by reference to a record date on or after the Effective Date but not otherwise. If the Effective

Date is later than 31 May 2007, a final dividend will be declared by ScottishPower which will be retained by ScottishPower Shareholders on the register on such date.

3. Mix and Match Facility

ScottishPower Shareholders will be entitled to elect to vary the proportions of New Iberdrola Shares and cash (with a Loan Note Alternative available to certain ScottishPower Shareholders) consideration they receive in respect of their holdings of ScottishPower Shares, via a mix and match facility (the **Mix and Match Facility**), subject to elections made by other ScottishPower Shareholders. To the extent that elections cannot be satisfied in full, they will be scaled down on a pro rata basis. As a result, ScottishPower Shareholders who make an election under the Mix and Match Facility will not necessarily know the exact number of New Iberdrola Shares or the amount of cash (and/or Loan Notes, if applicable) they will receive until settlement of the consideration under the Offer. ScottishPower Shareholders should note that the total number of New Iberdrola Shares and the total amount of cash to be received by the ScottishPower Shareholders in terms of the Offer will not be varied as a result of any mix and match election. Elections under the Mix and Match Facility will not affect the entitlements of those ScottishPower Shareholders who do not make any such elections.

Further information on the Mix and Match Facility and the Loan Note Alternative will be included in the Scheme Document.

If the Scheme becomes Effective then, subject to the Mix and Match Facility and Loan Note Alternative, a payment of 400 pence (Euro 5.90) together with the amount of the Special Dividend in cash and 0.1646 of a New Iberdrola Share per ScottishPower Share will be despatched or, where appropriate, credited through CREST to ScottishPower Shareholders within 14 days of the Effective Date. ScottishPower ADS Holders will receive their consideration from the Depositary through the ScottishPower ADS programme in accordance with the terms of the Deposit Agreement.

4. Recommendation

The ScottishPower Board, which has been so advised by Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited, consider the terms of the Offer to be fair and reasonable. In providing advice to the ScottishPower Board, Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited has taken into account the commercial assessments of the ScottishPower Board.

Accordingly, the ScottishPower Board unanimously recommends that ScottishPower Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting and the ScottishPower EGM as they have undertaken to do so in respect of their own beneficial holdings of ScottishPower Shares, representing as at the date of this announcement, in aggregate, approximately 0.1 per cent. of the existing ScottishPower Shares.

5. Background to and reasons for the Offer

Iberdrola believes that the acquisition will accelerate the achievement of a number of Iberdrola's objectives, outlined in its 2007-2009 Strategic Plan. The combination of Iberdrola and ScottishPower creates one of the leading European integrated utility companies and the leading global renewable energy player. Based on pro forma Enterprise Value, the Enlarged Iberdrola Group will be Europe's third largest utility company, valued at £43.2 billion (Euro 63.8 billion). It will have:

a leading position in the rapidly growing UK and US renewables markets;

a reinforced market presence in Europe and the US which will provide enhanced opportunities for gas trading and procurement in the increasingly global and LNG-driven gas marketplace;

an installed generation capacity base of 36,603 MW including 5,707 MW of wind generation capacity and 333 MW of small hydro generation capacity; and

a regulated networks business with approximately 21.4 million electricity points of supply

The proposed acquisition affords Iberdrola an exceptional opportunity to acquire a vertically integrated utility company, with complementary skills in the attractive liberalised UK market with scope for significant ongoing investment in new generation capacity and networks. The Enlarged Iberdrola Group is well diversified in terms of:

geographical spread (Spain, United Kingdom, Latin America and North America);

generation mix (nuclear, coal, wind, hydro and gas); and

business mix (regulated and non-regulated).

Iberdrola will be able to draw on ScottishPower's considerable experience in deregulated markets and its strong skill sets in retailing and trading. In return, ScottishPower will also benefit from Iberdrola's best-in-class standards in generation and distribution activities.

The Iberdrola Directors believe that the Enlarged Iberdrola Group can achieve annual pre-tax operating cost savings of at least £88 million (Euro 130 million)³ based on the existing cost and operating structures and plans of Iberdrola and ScottishPower. The full annual run rate of these savings will be achieved by the end of the third year after deal following completion of the Offer. Annual capital expenditure savings are anticipated to average at least £30 million (Euro 44 million)³ over the first five years following completion of the Offer.

Annual operating and capital expenditure savings will result from:

reduction in corporate overheads;

optimisation of operations and maintenance;

³ The expected cost savings have been calculated on the basis of the existing cost and operating structures of the current Iberdrola Group and ScottishPower Group. These statements of estimated cost savings relate to future actions and circumstances which by their nature involve risks, uncertainties, contingencies and other factors. As a result, the cost savings referred to may not be achieved, or those achieved may be materially different from those estimated.

transfer of best practice in the generation, supply and distribution businesses; and

scale efficiencies in the procurement of gas, and of renewable and other generation capital equipment.

The balance sheet and cash flow strength of the Enlarged Iberdrola Group will enable it to capitalise upon and accelerate investment in a number of attractive growth opportunities in existing as well as new markets in both Europe and the Americas.

The proposed acquisition is expected to be immediately earnings enhancing.⁴

6. Management, employees and locations

Iberdrola attaches great value to the skills and experience of the business management and employees of ScottishPower. They will be critical to the success of the Enlarged Iberdrola Group and Iberdrola fully expects that they will continue to play a vital role in the business going forward.

On completion of the Offer, Iberdrola has given assurances to ScottishPower that it will honour the contractual terms and conditions, benefits and existing severance policy of ScottishPower's employees (including pension rights) for at least two years.

Iberdrola will continue to be headquartered in Spain and does not envisage changing the principal locations of ScottishPower's business in the UK and in the US.

7. Share Schemes and Convertible Bonds

The Offer will affect share options and incentive awards granted under the ScottishPower Share Schemes and the Convertible Bonds. Participants in the ScottishPower Share Schemes and Convertible Bondholders will be contacted regarding the effect of the Offer on their rights and appropriate proposals will be made in due course to participants in the ScottishPower Share Schemes and to Convertible Bondholders. Iberdrola has agreed to consider and implement alternative benefits to replace existing share schemes.

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8. Information on ScottishPower

ScottishPower is an international energy company, involved in the business of electricity transmission and distribution services in the UK, the supply of electricity and gas services to homes and businesses across the UK and has electricity generation and gas storage facilities in the UK and North America. In the UK, it has a generation capacity of 6,366 MW (including 288 MW of installed wind capacity), a strong presence in the transmission and distribution business (with a RAB of £2.9 billion, as at 31 March 2006) and 5.25 million customers at 31 March 2006, including both electricity and gas. In North America, ScottishPower is active in the thermal generation, wind and gas storage business. ScottishPower had 1,405 MW of wind technology generation capacity as at 31 March 2006.

⁴ This statement does not constitute a profit forecast and should not be interpreted to mean that earnings for the year to 31 December 2007 or any subsequent financial period would necessarily be greater than those for any preceding financial period.

In the financial year ended 31 March 2006, the ScottishPower Group reported total revenues of £5,446 million (Euro 8,036 million) and an operating profit of £870 million (Euro 1,283 million) from continuing operations.

9. Information on Iberdrola

Iberdrola was founded in 1901. At present, Iberdrola is listed on the Spanish Continuous Market (ticker: IBE.SM) and has a market capitalisation of approximately Euro 29.5 billion (£20 billion) (as of 27 November 2006). Iberdrola's share performance is included in the computation of the Spanish IBEX 35 index and of the Euro Stoxx 50, Dow Jones Sustainability World Index and DJSI Stoxx indexes.

As at 30 September 2006, Iberdrola employed 15,884 people.

In Spain, Iberdrola's generation capacity amounts to 24,420 MW, including 3,728 MW of renewable energy and 4,000 MW of CCGTs as at 30 September 2006. In the distribution business, Iberdrola accounts for 9.7 million electricity points of supply. For the full year ending 31 December 2005, Iberdrola produced 66.2 TWh and distributed energy of 96.3 TWh.

Iberdrola forecasts achieving 7,000 MW of installed renewable power by 2009 and 10,000 MW by 2011. Its strong bid for renewable energy is part of its commitment to the environment, sustainable development and the objectives of the Kyoto Protocol. Iberdrola has become the only Spanish electricity company included in the Climate Leadership Index, an international recognition that demonstrates its firm strategy for combating climate change.

In Europe, in countries outside the Iberian peninsula, Iberdrola's activities are currently focused around electricity trading (with a presence in Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Austria, Italy and Belgium) and renewables (in France, Italy, UK, Greece, Germany and Poland).

Iberdrola has consolidated its position as the second largest gas wholesale supplier in Spain.

Iberdrola has signed long-term LNG supply contracts that amount to 6 bcm (thousand million cubic metres) of gas annually. These supply contracts have been entered into with a range of counterparties and each has different commercial terms. This contractual structure, in part, allows Iberdrola to reduce its exposure to currency risks and oil price fluctuations.

Pursuant to the agreements with Sonatrach, Nigeria LNG, GNA, ENI and Snohvit, supplies which originate in Algeria, Nigeria, the Persian Gulf and Trinidad and Tobago are to be delivered to the re-gasification plants of Bilbao, Barcelona, Cartagena, Huelva and Sagunto. Iberdrola also has a long term supply contract via the direct gas pipeline between Algeria and Spain, MEDGAZ, for 1.6 bcm annually.

In addition, Iberdrola has become the main developer of new gas infrastructure in Spain. As of 30 September 2006, Iberdrola owns 25 per cent. and 30 per cent. of the re-gasification plants of BBG (Bilbao) and SAGGAS (Sagunto), respectively, and owns a 12 per cent. interest in the MEDGAZ gas pipeline.

In Latin America, Iberdrola is present in the generation business in Mexico, Chile and Brazil and the distribution business in Brazil, Guatemala and Bolivia. As of 30 September 2006, Iberdrola accounted for 8.4 million connected customers and 3,364 MW of total installed generation capacity in Latin America.

Iberdrola Ingeniería, the engineering and construction company of the group, has wide experience in electric power generation, distribution and control facilities services worldwide and employs more than 1,000 people. At present, the company has projects underway in more than 20 countries and has branches in Mexico, Brazil, Russia, Qatar, Greece, Poland, the UK, the US, Venezuela, Tunisia, Latvia, Kenya and Slovakia. As of today, Iberdrola Ingeniería is Spain's leading electrical engineering company by sales.

Iberdrola Inmobiliaria is a nationally based company offering an extensive portfolio of products, including first homes, holiday homes, offices, industrial buildings and shopping centres. In 2005 it generated a net profit of £64.8 million (Euro 95.6 million), an increase of 8.8 per cent. on the previous year. In 2005 revenue was £317.1 million (Euro 467.9 million), 13.7 per cent. more than in 2004, and gross operating profit (EBITDA) rose 11.0 per cent. to £110.1 million (Euro 162.4 million). During 2005, Iberdrola Inmobiliaria had planned and completed investments of £200.5 million (Euro 295.9 million). As of 30 September 2006, Iberdrola Inmobiliaria had a portfolio of developable land of 2.081 million sqm.

On 3 October 2006, the Iberdrola Directors unanimously approved its 2007-2009 strategic plan - continuing the strategy pursued in the previous five years. This plan contemplates a new investment cycle of £6.1 billion (Euro 9.0 billion) (representing a 20 per cent. increase on the previous three-year period) and illustrates Iberdrola's commitment to the energy sector, both in Spain and internationally.

This new strategic plan, the aim of which is to increase profitability through growth, efficiency and internationalisation, confirms Iberdrola's commitment to the environment and sustainable development. Iberdrola is committed to extending its global leadership in the renewable energy sector by reaching 10,000 MW in 2011 and continuing its investment in clean electricity generation technologies.

10. Endesa S.A./Gas Natural

On 5 September 2005, Iberdrola and Gas Natural SDG (Gas Natural) signed an agreement whereby Iberdrola would acquire certain assets from the combined company resulting from the acquisition of Endesa, S.A. by Gas Natural. This agreement is subject to, among other things, completion of the takeover bid for Endesa, S.A. that was launched by Gas Natural on 5 September 2005.

The agreement relates to power generation and electric distribution facilities in Spain, power generation facilities in Europe (SNET in France and certain others in Italy) and certain gas distribution systems in Spain where Iberdrola currently operates. Under the terms of the agreement, the relevant assets would be acquired at market values which would be determined by internationally recognised investment banks. At the time of the announcement in September 2005, the consideration for these assets was estimated to be in the range of £4.7 billion to £6.1 billion (Euro 7.0 billion to Euro 9.0 billion). At the present time Gas Natural's bid for

Endesa is substantially lower than a third party competing bid. Also Endesa has obtained a temporary injunction from a Spanish commercial court and the Spanish Supreme Court prohibiting performance of the agreement between Iberdrola and Gas Natural. If Iberdrola is required to purchase assets under this agreement, and provided it obtains all necessary clearances from applicable regulatory and competition authorities. It expects to finance approximately half the price through debt and the remainder with the proceeds of a capital increase.

11. Dealing facility

Subject to clarifying certain legal and regulatory issues and with the agreement of the Panel, Iberdrola has agreed to offer a dealing facility to ScottishPower Shareholders (including UK and US shareholders and holders of ADSs) who own 5,000 or fewer ScottishPower Shares (or 1,250 or fewer ADSs) at the Scheme Record Date. Under such facility, the New Iberdrola Shares to which such shareholders become entitled may be sold for their benefit at no cost provided that they sell their entire holding. Further details of such facility will be included in the Scheme Document.

12. Receipt of Iberdrola Dividends in Sterling

Following completion of acquisition, ScottishPower Shareholders will, subject to complying with certain requirements, be able, if they so wish, to have amounts in respect of dividends paid on New Iberdrola Shares converted into, and paid to them in Sterling. Further details of these arrangements will be set out in the Scheme Document.

13. Financing

The consideration payable to ScottishPower Shareholders under the terms of the Offer will be in cash (or, at the option of certain eligible individual ScottishPower Shareholders, Loan Notes) and New Iberdrola Shares and provided through a combination of new committed credit facilities and the issue of New Iberdrola Shares.

Iberdrola has obtained committed debt financing arranged by ABN AMRO Bank N.V., Barclays Capital and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc in the sum of £7.955 billion. To satisfy acceptances of the share element of the consideration, Iberdrola will also issue approximately 245 million New Iberdrola Shares to ScottishPower Shareholders. As a result, on completion of the Offer, ScottishPower Shareholders will own approximately 21.4 per cent. of the issued share capital of Iberdrola as enlarged by the Offer.

ABN AMRO, financial adviser to Iberdrola, is satisfied that Iberdrola has sufficient resources available to satisfy in full the cash consideration payable to ScottishPower Shareholders under the terms of the Scheme. Further information on the financing will be set out in the Scheme Document.

14. Irrevocable undertakings

Iberdrola has received undertakings to vote in favour of the Offer and the resolutions to be proposed at the Court Meeting and the ScottishPower EGM from the ScottishPower Directors in respect of 142,128

ScottishPower Shares, representing approximately 0.1 per cent. of the ScottishPower Shares. These undertakings are in respect of their aggregate entire beneficial holdings of ScottishPower Shares. These undertakings will cease to have any effect if: (i) the Scheme is withdrawn; or (ii) the ScottishPower Directors withdraw, qualify or modify their recommendation to ScottishPower Shareholders in accordance with the terms of the Implementation Agreement; or (iii) the Implementation Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

15. Structure of the Offer, delisting and de-registration of ScottishPower

It is intended that the Offer will be effected by means of a Scheme. The procedure will involve an application by ScottishPower to the Court to sanction the Scheme. The ScottishPower Shareholders will receive cash (or, other than US resident holders of ScottishPower Shares or ADSs and certain Overseas Persons, Loan Notes pursuant to the Loan Note Alternative in respect of the Loan Note Elected Shares) and New Iberdrola Shares as described in paragraph 2 of this announcement. The implementation of the Scheme is subject to the further terms and Conditions set out in Appendix I and the full terms and Conditions which will be set out in the Scheme Document and will only become Effective if, among other things, the following events occur:

a resolution to approve the Scheme is passed by a majority in number representing not less than three-fourths in value of the holders of ScottishPower Shares present and voting, whether in person or by proxy, at the Court Meeting(s) (or any adjournment thereof);

the ScottishPower EGM Resolution is passed by the requisite majority at the ScottishPower EGM;

the Scheme is sanctioned (with or without modification (but subject to such modification being acceptable to Iberdrola and ScottishPower)), and the associated Capital Reduction is confirmed by the Court and the Scheme becomes Effective by registration of the Court Orders (and the minute of such reduction attached thereto) with the Registrar of Companies and the issue by the Registrar of Companies of a certificate under section 138 of the Act in relation to the Capital Reduction associated with the Scheme; and

the negotiation and filing with the CNMV of the applicable documentation relating to the issue of the New Iberdrola Shares.

Whether or not a ScottishPower Shareholder's ScottishPower Shares are voted at any Court Meeting or the ScottishPower EGM, if the Offer becomes Effective, those ScottishPower Shares will be acquired pursuant to the Scheme and ScottishPower Shareholders will, subject to the Mix and Match Facility and the Loan Note Alternative, receive a payment of 400 pence (Euro 5.90) in cash and 0.1646 of a New Iberdrola Share for every ScottishPower Share.

Iberdrola shareholder approval will be required for the capital increase of Iberdrola necessary to issue the New Iberdrola Shares required under the terms of the Offer. The Iberdrola Shareholders' Meeting will be convened for the purposes of considering, amongst other things, and, if thought fit, passing resolutions to approve an increase in Iberdrola's share capital, to exclude the pre-emption rights of Iberdrola Shareholders

over the issue of New Iberdrola Shares and to give effect to the Offer. For the resolutions relating to the capital increase to be validly passed, the meeting will require on first call the presence (in person or by proxy) of shareholders representing at least 50 per cent. of the voting capital of Iberdrola (in which case the resolutions may be passed by a simple majority of those voting). On second call, the meeting will require the presence (in person or by proxy) of shareholders representing at least 25 per cent. of the voting capital of Iberdrola (in which case, if shareholders representing less than 50 per cent. of the voting capital of Iberdrola are present (either in person or by proxy) at the meeting, the resolutions must be passed by shareholders representing at least two thirds of the Iberdrola Shareholders present or represented at such meeting, and, if shareholders representing 50 per cent. or more of the voting capital of Iberdrola are present or represented at the meeting, the resolutions may be passed by shareholders representing a simple majority of those shareholders present or represented at such meeting). Iberdrola's by-laws include a voting limitation that prevents any shareholder (individually or jointly with its group or controlled entities) from voting in respect of more than 10 per cent. of the share capital of Iberdrola. Any shares whose votes cannot be cast as a result of the limitation will not be taken into account for the purposes of calculating the majority to approve the relevant resolution. It is expected that the meeting will be held on second call.

The ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares shall not be included in the Offer and the rights attaching to the ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares will be unaffected by the Offer. Further details regarding the treatment of the ScottishPower B Shares and the ScottishPower Deferred Shares will be set out in the Scheme Document.

The Scheme is expected to become Effective during the second quarter of 2007, subject to satisfaction of the Conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement, with consideration being despatched to ScottishPower Shareholders (and the Depositary on behalf of ScottishPower ADS Holders) no later than 14 days after the Effective Date. If the Scheme has not become Effective by 31 July 2007, or such later date as Iberdrola and ScottishPower may agree (with, where applicable, the consent of the Panel) and the Court may allow, it will lapse.

Upon the Scheme becoming Effective, it will be binding on all ScottishPower Shareholders, irrespective, in the case of ScottishPower Shareholders, of whether or not they attended or voted at the Court Meeting or the ScottishPower EGM (and if they attended and voted, whether or not they voted in favour). Although ScottishPower ADS Holders will not be entitled to attend the Court Meeting or the ScottishPower EGM, they will be given the opportunity to instruct the Depositary as to how to vote the ScottishPower Shares underlying their ScottishPower ADSs.

ScottishPower intends to make applications to the FSA for the listing of the ScottishPower Shares to be cancelled and to cease to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities with effect as of or shortly following the Effective Date. The last day of dealings in ScottishPower Shares and ScottishPower ADSs is expected to be the Business Day immediately before the Effective Date and no transfers will be registered after 6.00 pm on that day. It is also expected that, following the Effective Date, the ScottishPower ADS programme and the Deposit Agreement will be terminated and the ScottishPower ADSs will be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange. Iberdrola intends to de-register the ScottishPower Shares and ADSs from the Exchange Act at the earliest practicable date following the Effective Date.

Iberdrola reserves the right to elect, subject to receiving ScottishPower's consent, to implement the Offer for the ScottishPower Shares by way of a Takeover Offer. In such event, the Offer will be implemented on the same terms (subject to appropriate amendments), so far as applicable, as those which would apply to the Scheme except that any such Offer may exclude ScottishPower Shareholders resident in Australia, Japan and Canada.

Further details of the Scheme, including an indicative timetable for its implementation, will be contained in the Scheme Document, together with details of how ScottishPower Shareholders and ScottishPower ADS Holders may participate in the Offer.

16. Loan Note Alternative

As an alternative to some or all of the cash consideration which would otherwise be receivable under the Scheme, ScottishPower Shareholders (other than ScottishPower Shareholders in Loan Note Restricted Jurisdictions and US resident holders of ScottishPower Shares or ScottishPower ADS Holders) will, subject to the conditions and further terms which will be set out in the Scheme Document and the Loan Note Form of Election, be able to elect to receive Loan Notes to be issued by Iberdrola (or by a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola with a guarantee from Iberdrola) on the following basis:

For every £1 of cash consideration	£1 nominal value of Loan Notes
Up to a maximum amount of £750 million of Loan Notes in aggregate nominal value will be available under the Loan Note Alternative. To the extent that ScottishPower Shareholders validly elect to receive Loan Notes pursuant to the Loan Note Alternative which in aggregate nominal value exceed such amount, the entitlement of each ScottishPower Shareholder who so validly elects will be scaled down pro rata to the number of ScottishPower Shares in respect of which he has elected for the Loan Note Alternative.	

The Loan Notes will be issued by Iberdrola, or a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola, credited as fully paid, in amounts and integral multiples of £1 and the balance of any entitlement that is not a whole multiple of £1 will be disregarded and not issued. The Loan Notes will constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Iberdrola or, if they are issued by a wholly owned subsidiary, will constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of that subsidiary and such obligations will be guaranteed by Iberdrola. The Loan Notes will bear interest at a rate of 0.50 per cent. below six-month sterling LIBOR to be determined on the first business day of each interest period. Interest will be payable by half-yearly instalments in arrears (less any tax) on 30 June and 31 December in each year. The first payment of interest will be made on the first payment date. On the first payment date, interest will be paid in respect of the period from (and including) the date of issue on the relevant Loan Notes to (but excluding) the first payment date. The Loan Notes will be redeemable, on not less than 14 days' notice, in whole or in part for cash at par at the option of noteholders on any business day between the first payment date and five years from the Effective Date (both dates inclusive).

Unless Iberdrola decides otherwise, no Loan Notes will be issued by Iberdrola unless, on or before the date on which the Scheme becomes Effective, the aggregate nominal value of all Loan Notes to be issued as a

result of valid election for the Loan Note Alternative exceeds £20 million. If such aggregate nominal value is less than £20 million, any such election shall, unless Iberdrola decides otherwise, be void and the relevant ScottishPower Shareholders will be deemed to have elected for cash. Iberdrola (or its wholly owned subsidiary) may redeem all (but not some only) of the Loan Notes (so long as they have been in issue for at least 6 months) if the aggregate nominal value of the outstanding Loan Notes falls below £2 million. Iberdrola may purchase any Loan Notes which have been in issue for at least 6 months at a price by tender available to all holders of Loan Notes alike, or otherwise by agreement with any holders of Loan Notes. The Loan Notes may be redeemed in minimum denominations of £1,000. If not previously redeemed, the final redemption date will be five years from the Effective Date. Any Loan Notes outstanding on the final redemption date will be redeemed at par together with any accrued interest (less any tax) on that date. The Loan Notes will not be transferable, and no application will be made for them to be listed on, or dealt on, any stock exchange or other trading facility.

Loan Notes that may be issued pursuant to the Offer have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or under the relevant securities laws of any state or territory or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, Loan Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States, except in a transaction not subject to, or in reliance on an exemption from, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and state securities laws.

Unless Iberdrola otherwise determines, the relevant clearances and registrations have not been, nor will they be, sought or obtained, nor have any steps been taken, nor will any steps be taken, to enable the Loan Notes to be publicly offered in compliance with applicable securities laws of Australia, Canada or Japan or any other jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Loan Notes (subject to certain exceptions) may not be offered, sold, resold, transferred, or delivered, directly or indirectly, in, into or from Australia, Canada or Japan or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws of that jurisdiction or would require registration thereof in such jurisdiction.

The Loan Note Alternative will be conditional upon the Scheme becoming unconditional and effective and will remain open for election until the date which is 3 months after the Effective Date.

The Loan Notes and the relevant Loan Note instrument will be governed by, and construed in accordance with English law and will be unsecured obligations of Iberdrola or the wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola (as the case may be). The due authorisation of the Loan Notes, if issued by Iberdrola, the ranking of the Loan Notes (or the guarantee, as the case may be) and the regulations governing the syndicate of the holders of the Loan Notes (*sindicato de obligacionistas*) will be governed by Spanish Law.

The terms of the Loan Notes will be such that the Loan Notes will not constitute qualifying corporate bonds for individuals for the purposes of UK taxation. Full details of the Loan Notes and the Loan Note Alternative will be contained in the Scheme Document.

17. Implementation Agreement and Inducement Fee

Iberdrola and ScottishPower have entered into an Implementation Agreement which contains certain assurances in relation to the implementation of the Scheme and certain further assurances and confirmations between the parties, including to implement the Scheme as soon as reasonably practicable. Further information regarding this Implementation Agreement will be set out in the Scheme Document.

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As part of the Implementation Agreement, ScottishPower has agreed to pay an Inducement Fee of £50 million (the **Inducement Fee**) to Iberdrola if, amongst other things, after the date of this announcement:

- (a) the ScottishPower Directors fail unanimously to recommend the Offer or withdraw or adversely modify or qualify their unanimous recommendation of the Offer; or
- (b) the ScottishPower Directors determine not to implement the Offer by refusing to put forward the Scheme; or
- (c) the Offer is not approved by the ScottishPower Shareholders at the Court Meeting or the ScottishPower EGM Resolution is not approved at the ScottishPower EGM; or
- (d) where the Offer is being made by way of a Scheme, following the resolutions proposed at the Court Meeting and the ScottishPower EGM having been passed by the requisite majorities, the ScottishPower Directors do not seek the Court Orders at the Court Hearings; or
- (e) an Alternative Proposal is made and:
 - (i) such Alternative Proposal (whet