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QUARTERLY UPDATE



ETZ Ltd is a not-for-profit, private sector-led company spearheading North East Scotland's energy transition. Our clear vision is for this region to remain a global leader in energy excellence with a world-class supply chain, pioneering low carbon projects and thriving economy.

Our latest quarterly update highlights the significant progress we are making toward realising this vision.

The Energy Transition Zone

Key developments announced for ETZ Green Hydrogen Test & Demonstration Facilities

ETZ Ltd has signed a collaboration agreement for global testing and certification firm TÜV SÜD to become the operator of a new state-of-the-art green hydrogen test facility in Aberdeen. This will be the flagship project of the Hydrogen Campus within the Energy Transition Zone.

Martin McCormack, Director for CCUS and Hydrogen at ETZ Ltd, said:

"This is a major development for Aberdeen. In TÜV SÜD, we have selected an operator of international renown to run what will be one of the foremost green hydrogen test facilities in Europe. Green hydrogen has a key role to play in decarbonising heavy transport, industrial processes, and potentially even heating homes. This facility, with the right partner in place, will help deliver that."



Alongside this, the engineering design of the hydrogen testing facilities has been awarded to consultancy Stantec, which has recently established a presence in Aberdeen.

If you would like to learn more about the Green Hydrogen Test & Demonstration Facilities, please get in touch at information@etzltd.com

ECITB announces funding support for the Energy Transition Skills Hub

The North East's new Energy Transition Skills Hub, opening in autumn 2025, was recently awarded a funding boost of £400,000 from the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB).

Founded by ETZ Ltd, Shell UK and North East Scotland College, with support from UK Government funding and the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund, the Skills Hub will deliver new opportunities for training the region's workforce.



The new ECITB investment will help fund the equipping and fitting of a modern welding academy within the facility, including 32 welding bays, to help meet the growing demand for welding and fabrication skills across the region.

The Skills Hub will offer an expanded, flexible curriculum, including weekend and evening courses, increasing access to energy transition training and helping remove barriers to education for local communities.



Scotland's first dedicated energy transition scale up hub taking shape

Progress continues to be made in the construction of ETZ EnergyWorks, Scotland's first dedicated energy transition scale up hub that will offer around 3,000 m² of flexible industrial and collaboration space. Opening later this year, it will foster supply chain community building, technology research and development, commercialisation and manufacturing, alongside targeted business support to drive entrepreneurship, innovation and growth.

ETZ Ltd has secured funding for this ground-breaking facility from bp and Scottish Enterprise and has entered an agreement with the Net Zero Technology Centre (NZTC) and National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS) to be its delivery partners once operational.

EnergyWorks offers adaptable space solutions with flexible tenancy options starting from just 3 months. Whether you're a startup or an expanding business, our spaces are designed to grow with you. Collaborate within breakout areas and adaptable workspaces.

Whether you need a hot desk for occasional use or a dedicated space within a thriving community, have access to industry-leading facilities, meeting rooms, and industry events, here you will stay connected and accelerate your business growth.



Keep up to date with ETZ EnergyWorks, its events and community.



Scottish Government Minister marks latest Just Transition fund launch

Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action & Energy, Gillian Martin MSP, visited Sarens PSG's Centre of Excellence in the Energy Transition Zone to mark the launch of the latest round of the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund (JTF), which will unlock £8.5 million for new projects in the North East and Moray.

Sarens PSG received £149,419 through the ETZ Ltd Challenge Fund, supported through JTF, to support capital infrastructure and automation of equipment.



Maggie McGinlay, Chief Executive of ETZ Ltd, said along with the visit:

"The ETZ Ltd Challenge Fund was established to de-risk and accelerate the investment into new low carbon industry-related facilities, automation of equipment and existing infrastructure upgrades, including digital infrastructure and to drive innovation and market entry into low carbon and green energy opportunities."

"To date, the fund has awarded £5.27 million to 41 companies across Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray, successfully unlocking an additional £12.85 million in private investment, so the strong appetite for energy transition across the region's supply chain is evident. We welcome the Scottish Government's ongoing support for this targeted initiative and the role ETZ Ltd has played as a valued partner of choice in delivering it."

The Region's Energy Transition Catalyst



ETZ Ltd in conversation with GB Energy at recent supply chain event

ETZ Ltd was delighted to host Juergen Maier CBE, Chair of Great British Energy, and Dan McGrail, CEO of Great British Energy, in late June for an in-depth conversation on how they can support North East Scotland's supply chain. Chaired by ETZ Ltd's Chief Executive, Maggie McGinlay, and Allister Thomas, Senior Energy Advisor at True North, this proved to be a valuable discussion.

Those who attended had the chance to speak directly with Great British Energy, pose the questions they have been eager to ask and hear first-hand their ambition for the future. The discussion covered the pace of transition and the need for project acceleration, and the strength of the North East Scotland supply chain.



ETZ Ltd at All-Energy 2025

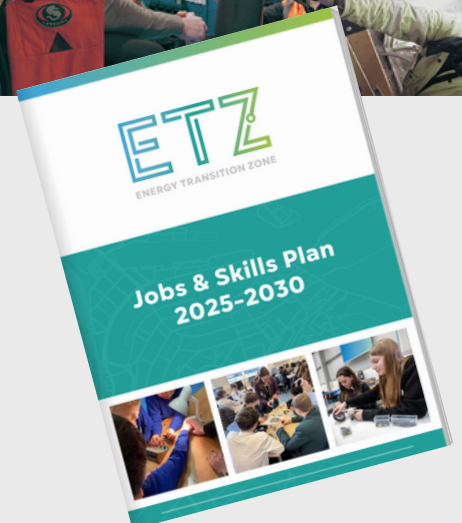
At All-Energy 2025, one of the UK's largest low carbon and renewables events, the ETZ Ltd team was delighted to connect with a wide range of industry professionals. Whether you just stopped by for a chat or to explore further how we are working at accelerating low carbon opportunities for the region, ETZ Ltd was proud to be a part of both the exhibition and its conference.

As part of our participation at All-Energy, ETZ Ltd was represented across both the main programme and the show floor theatres. Offshore Renewables Director, Isla Robb, highlighted the challenges and opportunities in offshore wind. Our project managers, Lauren Braidwood and Amy Perry, discussed new developments across the Energy Transition Zone, focusing on the Energy Transition Skills Hub and the Green Hydrogen Test and Demonstration Facilities, respectively.

Refreshed Jobs and Skills Plan launches

ETZ Ltd introduced its updated Jobs & Skills Plan this past quarter. This document is a summary of what we have achieved over the past year and outlines our strategy to support energy transition jobs and skills activities for the next five years.

Our first plan identified a clear ambition for 2025, and this refreshed version builds on these strong foundations, informing a comprehensive strategy between now and 2030. Ensuring North East Scotland's businesses have the right skilled people for energy transition, and making sure those skills and job opportunities are accessible for the people in the region, is crucial for a successful and just energy transition. Therefore, ETZ Ltd is fully committed to ensuring jobs and skills opportunities are embedded throughout all aspects of our work.



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Challenge Fund Project Spotlight: Balmoral Comtec's Wave Simulator

As part of our work with this region's energy supply chain, the ETZ Ltd Challenge Fund has supported Balmoral Comtec in the investment of their new 'Wave and Current Simulation Facility'. Through this purpose-built facility that simulates surface, subsea and seabed conditions, it is suitable for evaluating offshore wind, solar and other subsea systems under dynamic water conditions.



ETZ Ltd was delighted to support this type of capital investment that will help increase innovation in the offshore wind sector, both within the region and across Scotland.

Freda Miller, ETZ Ltd's Supply Chain Programme Manager, said:

"This region is creating an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurial support for supply chain companies building the energy system of tomorrow. As part of that effort, this simulation facility will play a valued role in helping to test and de-risk technologies before coming to market for wide-scale deployment in areas including offshore wind within the region and across Scotland."

