

April 12, 2012

To the Energy Tax Reform Working Group:

I am opposed to the extension of the Production Tax Credit (PTC) because I recognize the window it opens for organized criminals that undermine public and environmental interests, the security of our energy supply, and the security of U.S. ports.

One of the United States most prolific recipients of ARRA stimulus, public grants, tax credits and loan guarantees, Boston-based UPC First Wind, builds wind projects that fail to produce energy, yet developers continue to collect public subsidies, from Italy to the U.S. Gaynor serves as Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's appointed Co-chair of the Climate Protection Advisory Committee under the Global Warming Solutions Act. Gaynor is also co-chair of the Mass Department of Environmental Protection Advisory Committee Low Carbon Energy Supply Subcommittee.

### **Organized crime in the wind sector**

[Worcester Polytechnic Institute \(WPI\) Summer 2005 News informs](#) **UPC First Wind President and CEO Paul Gaynor** (WPI alum) is **CEO of UPC (First Wind)**, and affiliated with **Italian Vento Power Corporation IVPC**:

*As president and **CEO of UPC Wind Management, located in Newton, Mass., Gaynor was tapped to bring the success of the parent company, UPC Group, to North America. In Europe and North Africa, UPC affiliates, including Italian Vento Power Corporation, have raised over \$900 million in financing and installed some 900 utility-scale wind turbine generators (WTGs)***"

<http://www.wpi.edu/News/Transformations/2005Summer/windpower.html>

UPC (First Wind) has a curious definition for the "success" of affiliate IVPC wind projects in Italy. "**Operation "Gone with the Wind"** led to the indictment of UPC affiliate and subsidiary IVPC Director Oreste Vigorito for conspiracy to commit wind fraud, which led to the seizure of IVPC wind projects by Italian police.

Most troubling is [First Wind CEO Paul Gaynor enjoys access to the White House, Chu, Geithner](#), and to the [Congress](#) and consequently enjoys access to millions of dollars in public subsidies—for failing wind projects.

[The Italian Parliament Senate of the Republic -125- Chamber of Deputies](#), and *the judgment of the Preliminary Hearing Judge of the Court of Palermo*, affirms **SOUTH WIND IVPC Director Oreste Vigorito's** involvement in a dark plot between companies that corrupt process, civil servants, and the wind energy market, under direction of the "**mafia cosa nostra**".

[http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=it&u=http://www.camera.it/dati/leg16/lavori/documentiparlamentari/indiceestesti/023/009\\_RS/00000008.pdf&prev=/search%3Fq%3DSUDWIN%2BVigorito%26start%3D20%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DN%26biw%3D1920%26bih%3D964&sa=X&ei=M0FLUeyfDKq60QHI4oDwBw&ved=0CDoQ7gEwATgU](http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=it&u=http://www.camera.it/dati/leg16/lavori/documentiparlamentari/indiceestesti/023/009_RS/00000008.pdf&prev=/search%3Fq%3DSUDWIN%2BVigorito%26start%3D20%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DN%26biw%3D1920%26bih%3D964&sa=X&ei=M0FLUeyfDKq60QHI4oDwBw&ved=0CDoQ7gEwATgU)

The **Public Prosecutor at the Court of Italy** has arrested the **president** of ANEV Oreste Vigorito together with other lords of the wind in a criminal investigation for **conspiracy to commit a fraud** on the subject of **government grants in favor of wind farms**.

**Asset seizures in Italy related to wind fraud bear the seal of [DIREZIONE INVESTIGATIVA ANTIMAFIA](#), and represents the largest seizure of Mafia assets in Mafia History.**

*The mega confiscation of goods is covering western Sicily, Lombardy, Lazio and Calabria. The seals were affixed to the assets attributable to Vito Nicastrì, 57 years of Alcamo (Trapani), a leading entrepreneur in the field of photovoltaic power generation and wind power. Nicastrì, involved, say the investigators, in many events, including criminal implications, it would be "reported consistently with members of Cosa Nostra." The economic and financial surveys, conducted by Dia, allowed, according to the prosecution to establish that the leading position in alternative energy from the entrepreneur was acquired thanks to the "conscious and constant proximity to the interests of crime organized." Nicastrì according to the Anti-Mafia Investigation Department "through a tumultuous dynamics of business has relations with Luxembourg companies, Danish and Spanish." For investigators "this close to the most well known Mafiosi, favored its transformation from a contractor electrician specializing in the development of power plants from renewable sources, giving it a leading position in the regions of the South." (Reuters).*

<http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=it&u=http://247.libero.it/focus/25153668/30702/la-dia-colpisce-al-cuore-cosa-nostra/&prev=/search%3Fq%3Doreste%2Bvigorito%2BSud%2Bvento%26start%3D20%26hl%3Den%26sa%3DN%26biw%3D1920%26bih%3D964>

**It's business as usual for UPC First Wind "Kahuku"** wind project in Hawaii that received a \$117 million loan guarantee, backed by the public, despite an existing "[Trade Secret](#)", the wind turbines fail. The Director of First Wind is also the Director of Xtreme Power, Patrick Wood III.

The battery storage for Kahuku wind project has been reduced to molten lead. I continue to cobble public subsidies directed to Xtreme Power storage facility that has burned to the ground.

UPC First Wind continues to collect public subsidies in the U.S., despite overwhelming evidence that their [wind projects catastrophically fail in the U.S.](#) and abroad.

**Financial Times** Guy Dinsmore **November 12, 2009:**

**"Police said yesterday they had sent requests for documentation to five foreign companies – two in the Netherlands and three in Spain – that were linked to IVPC. Other companies in Ireland and the UK, said to be Italian affiliates of IVPC, have been asked by Italian authorities to provide information."**

<http://redneckusa.wordpress.com/2009/11/12/president-of-italian-wind-energy-association-arrested-for-fraud/>

**Footnote: Project Finance, February 2004, "IVPC 2000: certificated success":**

**"The driver behind IVPC is US wind developer UPC through its UPC International Partnership CV II ..."**

<<http://www.projectfinancemagazine.com/default.asp?page=7&PubID=4&ISS=10883&SID=432546>>  
(subscription required for more)

**Mafia Tied to Wind Fraud in Italy**

**Posted By Environmental Leader On November 17, 2009 @ 8:11 am**

In [Carbon Finance & Offsets](#), [Clean Energy](#), [Feature](#), [Financial](#), [Funding & Incentives](#), [Policy & Law](#), [Wind Energy](#) | [No Comments](#)

**Italian finance police have arrested two prominent businessmen — including one with ties to a former investor in the Cape Wind project in Nantucket — in the wind energy sector on charges of fraud**, reports the [Financial Times](#) <sup>[1]</sup>. **Arrested were Oreste Vigorito, head of the IVPC energy company and president of Italy 's National Association of Wind Energy, and Vito Nicastrì, a Sicilian business associate**, according to the article.

According to the [European Committee For A Constructive Tomorrow](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, **Oreste Vigorito has ties to Brian Caffyn**, a former investor in the [Cape Wind project](#) <sup>[3]</sup>, which has been criticized as a poor investment for taxpayers, reports [Dakota Voice](#) <sup>[4]</sup>.

**Vigorito once owned IVPC with Brian Caffyn, founder of Cape Wind and First Wind**, according to the [Boston Herald](#) <sup>[5]</sup>. Caffyn sold his interest in Cape Wind in 2002 and sold his interest in IVPC in 2005. Vigorito has never had any involvement in Cape Wind , according to Mark Rodgers, Communications Director for the Cape Wind project.

The Herald reports that Caffyn was surprised to learn of Vigorito's arrest:

"I read about it in the papers, and I was very surprised," Brian Caffyn said from Hong Kong, where he is now building wind-energy farms in China and the Philippines.

"I know of no fraud with (former partners) Oreste (Vigorito) and IVPC," said Caffyn, a Cape Cod native and Babson College graduate.

The "**Gone with the Wind**" sting operation, started in 2007, netted 11 others who were charged but were not arrested. Italian police told Financial Times that the fraud charges are related to obtaining millions of dollars in public subsidies to construct wind farms that never worked. Police confiscated seven wind farms with 185 turbines in Sicily linked to IVPC, according to the article.

The anti-fraud team also is investigating IVPC's sales of wind farms to foreign companies, and already has sent requests for documentation to five companies located in the Netherlands and Spain , as well *Anti-mafia prosecutors in Sicily also have launched a parallel investigation*, reports the *Financial Times*.

Fraud appears to be an emerging problem in the nascent clean energy sector. Most recently, two clean energy auditors — SGS UK and DNV — were [accused](#) <sup>[6]</sup> of not properly auditing projects in carbon trading markets.

Meanwhile, the UK is [dealing](#) <sup>[7]</sup> with carbon trading credit scams that could cost millions of dollars. In Australia, to prevent bogus carbon offset schemes, federal police agents can now [enter](#) <sup>[8]</sup> company premises and request paperwork to monitor their emissions.

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**[2] European Committee For A Constructive Tomorrow: <http://cfact.eu/2009/11/15/gone-with-the-wind-arrests-for-massive-fraud-in-italy/>**

**[3] Cape Wind project: <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2009/08/03/cape-cod-wind-farm-closer-but-still-generating-opposition/>**

**[4] Dakota Voice: <http://www.dakotavoice.com/2009/11/trouble-in-green-paradise-wind-farm-scams/>**

**[5] Boston Herald: [http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view/20091115ex-partner\\_of\\_boston\\_wind\\_exec\\_charged\\_italians\\_nab\\_soccer\\_club\\_president\\_in\\_energy\\_fraud/srvc=home&position=4](http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view/20091115ex-partner_of_boston_wind_exec_charged_italians_nab_soccer_club_president_in_energy_fraud/srvc=home&position=4)**

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[8] enter: <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2009/06/12/australias-carbon-police-may-enter-premises/>

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## **President of Italian Wind Energy Association arrested for fraud**

By Red Nek Engineer

By Guy Dinmore in *Financial Times*, **November 12, 2009**

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**Oreste Vigorito, head of the IVPC energy company and president of Italy's National Association of Wind Energy, was arrested on Tuesday in Naples. Vito Nicastri, a Sicilian business associate, was arrested in Alcamo, Sicily.**

Two other men were arrested in Sicily and the Naples area, while 11 others were charged but not arrested.

**IVPC**, a leading constructor and operator of wind farms in Italy, did not return calls asking for comment. Mr Vigorito is also well known as president of the Benevento football club.

"Gone with the wind", mounted by the finance ministry's anti-fraud police, started in 2007 and began by blocking public subsidies worth €9.4m (\$14m, £8.4m) granted by the ministry for economic development. **Last year police confiscated seven wind farms with 185 turbines in Sicily linked to IVPC.**

Anti-Mafia prosecutors in Sicily have launched a parallel investigation. The *Financial Times* was told in April that a large number of wind farms had been built with public subsidies but had never functioned.

Police said yesterday they had sent requests for documentation to five foreign companies – two in the Netherlands and three in Spain – that were linked to IVPC. Other companies in Ireland and the UK, said to be Italian affiliates of IVPC, have been asked by Italian authorities to provide information.

Police also said they were carrying out checks on 12 companies in Italy, including nine with company names that are variations of IP Maestrale and which share the same street name and number as IVPC in Avellino, near Naples.

International Power of the UK, the largest operator of wind farms in Italy last year with a market share of about 15 per cent, said it owned the IP Maestrale companies.

International Power acquired its Maestrale portfolio of wind farms in 2007 for €1.8bn from Trinergy, an Irish company that had bought them from IVPC two years earlier. Some of the projects had been developed by Mr Nicastri, although IP told the FT in April it had no direct relationship with him.

International Power, which has not been charged with any wrongdoing, said in London yesterday: "We are aware of the arrests made in Italy yesterday. Criminal proceedings in Italy are conducted on a confidential basis and we will not make any comment on either the arrests or the individuals involved at this time."

**Mr Nicastri told the FT in April he had developed the "majority" of Sicily's wind farms. He had then sold some of the projects to IVPC for further sale to foreign companies.**

All were functioning, he said at the time. His office declined to comment yesterday.

<http://redneckusa.wordpress.com/2009/11/12/president-of-italian-wind-energy-association-arrested-for-fraud/>

*Boston Herald*

**November 15, 2009:**

***'Italians nab soccer club president in energy fraud'***

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[http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view/20091115ex-partner\\_of\\_boston\\_wind\\_exec\\_charged\\_italians\\_nab\\_soccer\\_club\\_president\\_in\\_energy\\_fraud/srv=home&position=4](http://bostonherald.com/business/general/view/20091115ex-partner_of_boston_wind_exec_charged_italians_nab_soccer_club_president_in_energy_fraud/srv=home&position=4)

**November 16, 2009 Dakota Voice**

***'Trouble in Green Wind Paradise: Wind Farm Scams "Gone with the wind", mounted by the finance ministry's anti-fraud police, started in 2007 and began by blocking public subsidies worth €9.4m (\$14m, £8.4m) granted by the ministry for economic development. Last year police confiscated seven wind farms with 185 turbines in Sicily linked to IVPC.***

<http://www.dakotavoice.com/2009/11/trouble-in-green-paradise-wind-farm-scams/>

***First Wind calls it quits in Prattsburgh***

***By Mary Perham***

***Corning Leader/Bath Courier***

***Sun Jan 24, 2010***

***Prattsburgh, N.Y. -***

*One of two potential wind farm developers in the town of Prattsburgh announced Friday it is abandoning plans to put up nearly 50 turbines in the town.*

***First Wind*** spokesman John Lamontagne said lease holders for potential turbine sites have been notified of the firm's decision, made at the end of December.

*Lamontagne said First Wind's decision to pull out was made after a careful, internal review of pending, "viable" projects.*

*"We appreciate the support – and there was a lot of support – from the people in Prattsburgh," Lamontagne said. First Wind also drew a fair share of critics, particularly after it launched eminent domain procedures via a divided town board. Plagued by the economic downturn during the summer and fall of 2008, the developer announced a yearlong hiatus in 2009, in order to reassess its projects.*

First Wind intends to pursue projects this year in Maine, Vermont, Utah and Hawaii, but remains committed to its projects in the town of Cohocton and Lackawanna, Lamontagne said.

He did not rule out the possibility of future development in Prattsburgh, "but we'd be back starting at ground zero, so it would be pretty difficult."

*Lamontagne said the decision to leave was not influenced by the disputes that erupted last year between second developer Ecogen, town residents, and some town board members.*

*The disputes -- which were driven in part over concerns about excessive noise at First Wind's operating wind farm in Cohocton -- led to angry charges from both sides, unseated two pro-wind board members in November and resulted in a flurry of lawsuits.*

*The new town board is now considering a six-month moratorium in order to review its comprehensive plan and possibly set up a zoning board.*

*Town Councilman Steve Kula wondered if the move would benefit the Ecogen project.*

*"Does this open up more land, to identify possibly new sites for Ecogen?" he asked.*

*Kula has advocated for greater setbacks than those currently in place to ensure residents' health and safety.*

*"Before, you had two projects squeezed into one small town. First Wind had 50 (turbines)," Kula said. "Now you'll have one project and more land. I don't know. But maybe."*

*Supervisor Al Wordingham said a First Wind representative left a message, but so far he has not spoken with the developer's agent.*

*"All I can say is, after the experience they had in Cohocton, which is less densely populated than Prattsburgh, maybe they just decided this is not a suitable place for any wind farm," Wordingham said.*

## **OffshoreWindResources: 1/25/10 Expert Says Rhode Island Power Purchase Agreement Too Expensive**

January 25, 2010

By Peter Brennan

A power pricing expert testified last week that a proposed offshore wind power purchase agreement between Deepwater Wind and National Grid is too expensive and should not be approved.

Deepwater Wind is planning an eight-turbine project in Rhode Island state waters, near Block Island. The company reached a power purchase agreement last month with National Grid — the utility agreed to pay 24.4 cents per kilowatt hour for electricity from the wind farm. That agreement must be approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

### **Feds Plan Offshore Wind Consortium With 11 Atlantic States**

The University of Maine DeepWind Deepwater Offshore Wind Consortium has been awarded \$25 million of federal support, including federal Recovery Act funds, to expand efforts to develop offshore wind capacity.

<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/feb2010/2010-02-22-094.html>

### **February 19, 2010 National Grid RI PUC Docket 4111**

[http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4111-NGrid-DR-DPU-PUC\(2-19-10\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/eventsactions/docket/4111-NGrid-DR-DPU-PUC(2-19-10).pdf)

"Deepwater will draw on First Wind's technical, development and commercial financing expertise. First Wind's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Gaynor, and President, Michael Alvarez, are Deepwater board members and have been actively involved in the preparation of this proposal.

**Deepwater Wind Rhode Island** has been selected as the preferred developer in Rhode Island to develop offshore wind projects in the state.

Another Deepwater affiliate, **Garden State Offshore Energy** (a partnership with an unregulated affiliate of Public Service Electric and Gas of New Jersey), was selected by the State of New Jersey's to be its preferred offshore wind developer; and as part of its development of the New Jersey project, Deepwater has secured (from the U.S. Interior Department's Minerals

Management Service) the first submerged lands lease on the outer continental shelf in order to construct an offshore meteorological tower.”

## **GEF Invests \$30m In UPC Renewables China For Wind Power Development**

*Published: 22-Feb-2010*

**Global Environment Fund (GEF) has invested \$30m in UPC Renewables China (UPC) to develop wind power in China, where UPC has 150MW in construction and more than 3GW of pipeline projects.**

**Brian Caffyn, CEO and chairman of UPC, said: “UPC has been working in China since 2006, and we have seen this market go from a standing start to one of the largest in the world for wind energy. We expect to see sustained long term growth in the wind market in China, and UPC, with support from GEF, is looking forward to participating fully in this market.”**

Jeffrey Leonard, CEO of GEF, said: “We are pleased to be partnering with UPC in its ambitious plans for China. This is a tremendous opportunity to support a world-class wind developer in one of the world’s best clean energy markets. GEF has known the international sponsors of UPC for many years and we believe that their global experiences, combined with a strong local team of highly skilled Chinese professionals, positions the company well for this market.”

UPC was founded by UPC Group, which focuses on wind and solar energy production. It has developed, financed and installed over 1,000 utility-scale wind turbine generators in Italy and the US, and has active wind development in a number of other countries.

[http://wind.energy-business-review.com/news/gef\\_invests\\_30m\\_in\\_upc\\_renewables\\_china\\_for\\_wind\\_power\\_development\\_100222/](http://wind.energy-business-review.com/news/gef_invests_30m_in_upc_renewables_china_for_wind_power_development_100222/)

[Click here: UPC Renewables China Holdings Ltd.: CEO & Executives - BusinessWeek](#)

## **Wind power worries small Oregon town**

**March 6, 2010**

**By Richard Cockle The (Portland) Oregonian**

***“...Still, organized resistance has been emerging. After Massachusetts-based First Wind sought state permission in 2007 for a 40-turbine project between The Dalles and Mosier, residents protested that the 260-foot turbines would mar Columbia River Gorge views and endanger migrating birds. First Wind withdrew the plan in January 2009...”***

<http://www.kval.com/news/86694422.html>

***Providence Journal***

## **Mixed views on Block Island over proposed wind farm**

**01:00 AM EST on Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**By Alex Kuffner**

Journal Staff Writer

But opponents aren't convinced that the state Coastal Resources Management Council can develop an objective plan when **Deepwater is** paying \$3.2 million to help fund the studies being conducted as part of the project.

They also question whether the company has undue influence over Block Island's town government, which is paying an energy consultant and a lawyer with money from Deepwater. The developer has so far reimbursed the town about \$20,000 for the lawyer and consultant, according to Rich.

"There are no strings attached," he says.

### **Ex-PUC head enriched by utility company**

Add your photos

By Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting

**April 21, 2010**

Bangor Daily News | BDN

CAPTION Left to right: Public Utilities Commissioners Vendean Vafiades, Kurt Adams and Sharon Reishus listen to opponents and supporters of the Verizon-Fairpoint telecommunications merger during the PUC's public hearing on the matter at Bangor High School Thursday evening. BANGOR DAILY NEWS PHOTO BY JOHN CLARKE RUSS (WEB EDITION PHOTO)

AUGUSTA, Maine — **While he was Maine's chief utilities regulator, Kurt Adams accepted an ownership interest in a leading wind energy company.**

<http://new.bangordailynews.com/2010/04/21/politics/expuc-head-enriched-by-utility-company/>

Examiner.com Boston

'Global warming: **The Oxburgh Inquiry was an offer he couldn't refuse**'

**April 25, 2010**

"...And at Falck's windfarm at Buddusò - Alà dei Sardi: "Four people arrested, seven wind farms and 12 companies under sequestration, and 'that's the outcome of the operation' Gone With the Wind 'for which the magistrate court of Avellino has issued arrest warrants for **Oreste Vigorito**, 62 years Naples lawyer, administrator and president of **IVPC Benevento Calcio**; **Vito Nicastro**, 52 years of Alcamo, Ferdinand Renzulli, 42 years of Avellino, and Vincent Dongarra, 46 years of Enna. Another 11 people were investigated in various capacities for accountability in organized fraud for receiving government grants for the construction of wind farms. Nine of the seized companies are based in Avellino, the other 3 in Sicily."

<http://www.examiner.com/x-9111-Environmental-Policy-Examiner~y2010m4d25-Global-warming-The-Oxburgh-Inquiry-was-an-offer-he-couldn't-refuse>

### **Group asks AG to probe official of First Wind**

By Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting

**May 06, 2010**

AUGUSTA, Maine — **A citizens' group has asked Maine's Attorney General to investigate former Public Utilities Commission Chairman Kurt Adams after revelations that he accepted a grant of "equity units" in a wind power company while still on the state's payroll. Adams left the commission in May 2008 to go to work as senior vice president for First Wind and said the equity units "had no value at all" and thus should not trigger state conflict of interest or improper gift laws.**

<http://new.bangordailynews.com/2010/05/06/politics/group-asks-ag-to-probe-official-of-first-wind/>

**May 12, 2010 Pat Wood, III has joined First Wind's Board of Directors**  
Boston, Massachusetts, United States **May 12, 2010**

**Past Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Public Utility Commission of Texas to help guide growth of Boston-based wind energy company**

First Wind, an independent U.S.-based wind energy company, announced on May 11 the addition of Pat Wood, III to the company's Board of Directors. Mr. Wood brings with him an impressive record as Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) from 2001 to 2005 and the Public Utility Commission of Texas from 1995 to 2001, and is actively involved with a number of private companies and projects to increase clean power generation, independent power transmission and natural gas facilities.

<http://www.greenjobs.com/Public/newsitems/news01076.htm>

**First Wind SEC filing change questioned**

**5/18/10** 11:24 pm Updated: 5/19/10 12:12 am

**By Naomi Schalit** Senior Reporter  
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" Business experts say that energy company First Wind was within its rights to amend an SEC filing last week to declare that it did not, as the company had previously stated in an earlier filing, award Public Utilities Commission Chairman Kurt Adams an ownership interest while he was on the state payroll, a possible violation of state law.

But one expert says that the amendment, which came after the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting published details of the grant to Adams, could itself raise questions with SEC regulators.

"The SEC is fairly liberal in permitting parties to amend their disclosure document," said securities law expert Manning G. Warren III of the Louis S. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. But the amended filing, said Warren, "suggests that the company is acknowledging a rather significant error in terms of granting him those restricted stocks while he was a public servant."

First Wind is in the process of filing disclosure documents — called an "S1" — with the SEC before a public offering of stock to raise money for the company.

<http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/143887.html>

**County tax official not responsible for First Wind's failure to pay a \$1.5 million tax bill:**

**Maui News**

**Delinquent \$1.5 million tax bill lost in paper trail**

**County's strained treasury to get boost from Kaheawa**

**July 23, 2010 - By HARRY EAGAR, Staff Writer**

<http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/533673.html?nav=10>

**Organised crime exploits wind industry**

- Robin Pagnamenta
- From: *The Times*
- August 09, 2010 8:37AM

- **EUROPE'S booming wind energy industry is being exploited by criminals, according to Kroll, the corporate security group.**

Criminals see an opportunity to tap into billions of euros' worth of European Union subsidies.

Organised groups linked to the Italian Mafia are among those to have infiltrated the industry, Jason Wright, senior director of Kroll's consulting group, told *The Times*.

While emphasising that the overwhelming majority of European wind projects were "entirely legitimate", he said that criminals were increasingly investing in the industry, both to qualify for subsidies and to launder profits from drug-running and other illegal activities.

Kroll, he added, was doing brisk business conducting due diligence on renewable energy. The American-owned Kroll has detected a sharp increase since 2007 in the number of cases involving fraud and corruption in the wind energy sector - chiefly in Italy and Spain but also in Bulgaria, Romania and other parts of Central and Eastern Europe.

"Renewable energy is completely dependent on subsidies, so it is clearly an area for corruption," Mr Wright said.

"Wind farms are a profitable way to make money because of the subsidies, and they are also a great way of laundering it."

He added that the wind energy industry was vulnerable because projects frequently hinged on the political patronage of local officials who grant licences and access to public land. [cut, continue reading]

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business-old/industry-sectors/organised-crime-exploits-wind-industry/story-e6frg976-1225902848269>

#### **Press Release: First Wind Opens Office in Washington D.C.**

**Boston, MA – September 16, 2010** – First Wind, an independent U.S.-based wind energy company, today announced the opening of an office in Washington, D.C. to support the company's government relations efforts. The office is located at 601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

"First Wind is pleased to open an office in Washington, D.C., which reflects our commitment to communicating with elected officials and key stakeholders about the benefits of wind power and renewable energy, and providing information about the projects we have in operation and in development throughout the country," said **Paul Gaynor, CEO of First Wind**. "We commend the Administration and Congress for their leadership, which has been critical as we work toward the development of clean, renewable energy projects that bring new jobs and other economic benefits to our host communities."

**Julia Bovey, the former Director of External Affairs at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will head up the First Wind office in Washington, D.C. Bovey is a veteran of the clean energy movement in Washington**, and also previously served as the national media director at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

<http://www.firstwind.com/news/press-release-first-wind-opens-office-washington-dc>

## Anti-mafia police make largest asset seizure

By Guy Dinmore in Rome

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General Antonio Mirone, of the anti-mafia police, said the seized assets included 43 companies – some with foreign participation and mostly in the solar and windpower sector – as well as about 100 plots of land, villas and warehouses, luxury cars and a catamaran. More than 60 bank accounts were frozen.

Until his arrest last November, Mr Nicastrì, based in the inland hill town of Alcamo, was Sicily's largest developer of windfarms, arranging purchases of land, financing and official permits. Some projects were sold through intermediaries to foreign renewable energy companies attracted to Italy by generous subsidy schemes.

In an interview with the Financial Times at his head office in Alcamo last year, **Mr Nicastrì** denied any wrongdoing and welcomed police probes. "It is like going to the hospital and having check-ups and you come out without doubts about your health," he said.

Police confirmed that Mr Nicastrì, 54, had been released after his arrest on suspicion of fraud last year and had not been re-arrested. Italy's tough anti-mafia laws give authorities powers unparalleled in Europe to seize assets as a precautionary measure.

**The police statement said Mr Nicastrì was suspected of being close to mafia gangsters, and that investigations had revealed that Sicily's *Cosa Nostra* and Calabria's *Ndrangheta* had infiltrated Sicily's renewable energy sector.**

**Mr Nicastrì was not immediately available for comment but a colleague in his Alcamo office called the seizures an "injustice".**

**The renewable energy sector is under scrutiny** across much of southern Italy. Some windfarms, built with official subsidies, have never functioned.

A separate probe in Sardinia has involved political allies of Silvio Berlusconi, prime minister. They have denied bribing officials to win tenders.

Mr Berlusconi's government is proud of its record of cracking down on the mafia, seizing more than €10bn in assets and arresting more than 5,800 suspects since taking office in May 2008.

While commending Mr Maroni's tenure, critics, including prominent anti-mafia magistrates, have attacked legislation seen to favour the mafia, such as last year's tax amnesty and proposed restrictions on police use of wiretapping.

**Mr Nicastrì sold most of his windfarm projects to IVPC, a company near Naples run by Oreste Vigorito, also president of Italy's windpower association. Mr Vigorito was also arrested last November on suspicion of fraud and later released. He denied wrongdoing.**

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/c96d2de2-c02b-11df-b77d-00144feab49a.html>

## Italy Seizes Mafia-Linked Assets Worth \$1.9 Billion

September 14, 2010, 6:02 AM EDT

By Lorenzo Totaro

(Updates with details on seized assets in third paragraph.)

Sept. 14 (Bloomberg) -- Italian police today seized 1.5 billion euros (\$1.9 billion) in assets belonging to a Sicilian businessman linked to the Mafia in the country's biggest haul against organized crime, Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said.

**"It was the biggest seizure of assets" in Italian history, Maroni said in a television interview on "Mattino Cinque" on Mediaset SpA's Canale 5.** The businessman, based in the Sicilian city of Trapani, is "close to the Mafia boss Matteo Messina Denaro, currently at large," Maroni said.

A statement by anti-Mafia investigators in Rome identified the businessman as **Vito Nicastrì**, who works in alternative- energy production. He has not been arrested. His seized assets include more than 100 properties, 43 companies operating mainly in the wind-power industry, luxury cars, a 46-foot catamaran, bank accounts and securities, according to the statement.

Italian police seized 15 billion euros in assets from organized crime groups in the 14 months through August, Maroni said on Aug. 15. Among the seizures was Rome's Café de Paris, famous for appearing in Federico Fellini's 1960 film "La Dolce Vita." Investigators said the café was owned by the Calabrian 'Ndrangheta mafia.

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By Michael Day in Milan

Thursday, 16 September 2010

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Italian police say Matteo Messina Denaro, the Mafia's 'boss of bosses' is linked to the seized assets

After decades of drug-running, extortion and prostitution, the Mafia appears to have found a rather more ecological way of laundering their money: green power.

And if the assets of the Italian police's latest target are any indication, the Mafia is embracing the renewable energy business with an enthusiasm that would make Al Gore look like a dilettante. **The surprising revelation of organised crime's new green streak came as Italian police said yesterday they had made the largest recorded seizure of mob assets – worth €1.5bn (£1.25bn) – from the Mafia-linked Sicilian businessman Vito Nicastrì, who had vast holdings in alternative energy concerns, including wind farms.**

Organised crime in Italy has previously been notorious for trading in environmental destruction – principally earning billions of euros by illegally dumping toxic waste. But most of the newly seized assets are in the form of land, property and bank accounts in Sicily, the home of Cosa Nostra, and in the neighbouring region of Calabria, the base of the rival 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate.

**Police said the operation was based on a 2,400-page investigative report and followed 54-year-old Mr Nicastrì's arrest last year.** He has since been released without charge, and has denied wrongdoing. But General Antonio Girone, the head of the national anti-Mafia agency DIA, said that Mr Nicastrì, known as "lord of the winds", was linked to Matteo Messina Denaro, the fugitive believed to be the Sicilian Mafia's "boss of bosses".

**Senator Costantino Garraffa, of the parliamentary anti-Mafia committee, said the Mafia was trying to break into the "new economy" of alternative energy as it sought to launder money earned from crime. The seizure of Mr Nicastrì's assets "confirms the interest that organised crime has in renewable energy, which several annual reports on environmental issues have already stressed," added Beppe Ruggiero, an official with the anti-Mafia association Libera.**

Generous subsidies have led to rapid growth in wind power in Italy in recent years. Mr Ruggiero said: "It is very important for this sector to stay far from Mafia activities." However, he stressed the need for renewable energy to develop in Italy's poorer South. "Investment in renewable energy should not be discouraged," he said, adding that the nuclear alternative would be "a losing choice".

Recent estimates suggest the total annual turnover of Italy's main organised crime groups is around €100bn (£83bn), or 7 per cent of GDP. Officials, including the Bank of Italy governor, Mario Draghi, have argued that organised crime has perpetuated poverty in the south of the country.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/mafias-dirty-money-linked-to-clean-energy-2080467.html>

### **9/30/10 Wind proposal gets blowback Board votes not to accept money**

**By Kim Ring TELEGRAM & GAZETTE STAFF      BRIMFIELD** — After hearing three hours of mostly opposing comments from residents, selectmen last night voted unanimously not to accept \$30,000 from **First Wind**, the company hoping to build several turbines in town.

The funds would have been used to study the financial impact of a wind energy facility on West Mountain, near Steerage Rock.

**About 160 people attended the public hearing at Brimfield Elementary School, most speaking in opposition** to the project that would site eight to 10, 400-foot wind turbines on the ridge just north of Route 20, and expressing concern that taking the money would allow First Wind to move closer to its goal.

Board members said if they had decided to accept the money, the town would not have been bound to any future agreements, nor would it have been forced to allow the turbines to be constructed; rather, the money would have helped fund research about the project.

**Health Board Chairman Richard Costa and other local officials visited a facility at Mars Hill, Maine, and said he now believes the project would be wrong for Brimfield.**

**He said residents in Maine told him stories of health issues, decreased property values, and turbine noise difficult to tolerate.**

**"I don't really think that this project would be a good fit," he said, to rousing applause.**

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20100930/NEWS/9300825/-1/NEWS04>

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"...In western New York, for example, in the hills near the economically hard-hit cities of Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, the **Canandaigua Wind Farm** could have created the sort of green-collar jobs that the Obama administration promised would be generated by the stimulus package. The feathery blades of the farm's 88 gigantic turbines reach more than 400 feet in the air. Each turbine contains 8,000 components and is almost as sophisticated as a jet engine. Hundreds of construction workers were needed to haul and erect the steel towers, each weighing hundreds of tons.

The wind farm was built in two phases. The **developer, First Wind**, received a total of \$61.8 million in stimulus grants on Sept. 1, 2009, when the administration began rolling out money for the program. But FAA records indicate both were completed at least 15 months earlier -- **by May 20, 2008...**"

<http://investigativereportingworkshop.org/investigations/wind-energy-funds-going-overseas/story/wind-farms-built-before-stimulus/>

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## **Matteo Messina Denaro Forbe's "The World's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives".**

"The Italian mafia remains the most famous organized criminal group, and Matteo Messina Denaro has taken control of it. Denaro, nicknamed "Diabolic," was only emerging as a leader of the Italian mafia following the capture of Bernardo Provenzano when Denaro appeared on the first Forbes Most Wanted list two years ago. Since then arrests of other top mafia men leave no doubt that he is the new boss. The Italian mafia's playboy, Denaro is known for living a fast lifestyle, driving Porches and fancying Rolex watches. Mafia Inc. is believed to have done very well amid Italy's economic downturn and has been described as Italy's biggest corporation. On the flip side, Italian authorities have recently been making some high-profile arrests, including that of Denaro's brother."

[http://www.forbes.com/2010/05/13/bin-laden-joaquin-guzman-dawood-ibrahim-business-world-most-wanted\\_slide\\_6.html](http://www.forbes.com/2010/05/13/bin-laden-joaquin-guzman-dawood-ibrahim-business-world-most-wanted_slide_6.html)

## **Video News Coverage regarding the largest seizure of assets in the history of the Mafia: :**

[http://bitterqueen.typepad.com/friends\\_of\\_ours/matteo-messina-denaro/](http://bitterqueen.typepad.com/friends_of_ours/matteo-messina-denaro/)

**November 2010** Boston Business Journal and Maine Portland Herald cover protests against First Wind

Massachusetts/Maine/'**First Wind**: Boston Business Journal reports 'A small town sums up the challenges to siting wind turbines' about Brimfield, MA, where "**200 unhappy residents**" voiced concerns to Selectmen is a reoccurring theme. Portland Press Herald November 8, 2010, Lincoln, ME, police arrested 5 of the approximate crowd of three dozen who locked arms to block traffic to First Wind's Rollins Mountain wind project.

## **First Wind Withdraws Registration Statement**

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BOSTON, Nov 24, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- **First Wind Holdings Inc. today announced that pursuant to Rule 12d2-2(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 5840(j) of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"), it intends to withdraw its Class A common stock**, par value \$0.001 per share, from registration under section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and in connection therewith intends to file an application on Form 25 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

<http://classic.cnbc.com/id/40361733>

**12/7/2010** 1:19:00 PM The Caledonian Record

### **Truck Carrying Explosives Overturms In Sheffield**

**"A truck carrying 18,000 pounds of explosive material went off New Duck Pond Road in Sheffield and rolled over Monday morning.**

There were no injuries or explosions, but the road was shut down for most of the day.

The 2004 Mack bulk tanker operated by Jonathan Ingerson, 25, Whitehall, N.Y., was heading up a steep hill about 7 a.m. when it lost traction in snowy conditions and slid backward into a ditch before tipping over onto the driver's side."

The truck, owned by Maine Drilling of Blasting of Gardiner, Maine, was on its way to the Sheffield wind farm construction site with nearly 2,000 gallons of 1.5 blasting agent used for construction demolition. The tank was not ruptured in the crash, none of the explosive material leaked from the truck and there were no blasting caps on the truck.

**"...The Sheffield wind farm is being developed by the Boston-based First Wind company.** Maine Drilling and Blasting is a subcontractor on the project.

**First Wind spokesman John Lamontagne said his understanding was that the truck slid on ice.**

"Safety is a top priority for First Wind," he said, "and we take pains to ensure that our contractors -- from everything to engineering to construction and operations -- working on our projects are qualified and have excellent safety records. Thankfully no one was injured. We applaud the Sheffield Fire Department's quick response to the accident."

<http://caledonianrecord.com/main.asp?SectionID=180&SubSectionID=778&ArticleID=53195>

**Shady Oaks wind project in Lee County will use turbines from Chinese manufacturer Goldwind,**

<http://www.windforillinois.org/news/goldwinds-shady-oaks-project-to-use-american-made-components.html>

## Hawai'i Free Press

Monday, March 28, 2011

Hawaii Wind Developer tied to Largest-ever asset seizure by anti-Mafia police

By Andrew Walden :: 295 Views :: [Maui Politics](#), [Maui News](#), [Oahu News](#), [Oahu Politics](#), [Hawaii State News](#), [Hawaii State Politics](#), [World News](#), [World Politics](#)

by Andrew Walden

Paul Gaynor, CEO of First Wind [stood comfortably](#) with Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie, Rep Mazie Hirono, and HECO CEO Dick Rosenblum at the [grand opening](#) of the Kahuku Wind energy project on Oahu's North Shore Thursday. As he should.

First Wind--formerly known as UPC Wind--got its start in wind energy by launching Italy's IVPC--a company now subject to a record breaking asset seizure by Italian police. The *Financial Times* [September 14, 2010](#) explains:

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Of course the folks who started IVPC know nothing about any of this. Reacting to an earlier round of arrests, First Wind founder Brian Caffyn told the November 15, 2009 *Boston Herald*: "I read about it in the papers, and I was very surprised."

Will Hawaii's windfarms actually work? The "Clipper Liberty" wind turbines installed at Kahuku and on Maui are made by a company founded by a former Director of Enron Wind. Clipper Liberty Vice President of Engineering is also an Enron Wind veteran.

Gaynor and Caffyn were once much more public about their corporate ties to Vigorito's IVPC. First Wind was originally known as UPC. The [UPC Solar website](#) touts "Mr. Caffyn personally oversaw the establishment and construction of the largest wind energy company in Italy — Italian Vento Power Corporation."

[IVPC's english-language website](#) states: "The Group came to light in 1993 from an idea of Oreste Vigorito who formed the company I.V.P.C. S.r.l. on behalf of UPC, an American company which operates in the wind sector in California." (Emphasis added.)

The [UPC Solar website](#) explains: "UPC's earliest wind farm developments were built in 1995 in Italy. At the time UPC sold IVPC, its Italian wind business, in 2005, it had built approximately 650MW of capacity representing over 50% of the total installed Italian wind capacity."

The *Worcester Polytechnic Institute News* Summer, 2005 reports on the activities of WPI alumnus Gaynor:

"...As president and CEO of UPC Wind Management, located in Newton, Mass., Gaynor was tapped to bring the success of the parent company, UPC Group, to North America. In Europe and North Africa, UPC affiliates—including Italian Vento Power Corporation—have raised over \$900 million in financing and installed some 900 utility-scale wind turbine generators (WTGs), with a total capacity of more than 635 megawatts. UPC subsidiary companies, positioned across the United States and in Toronto, are currently pursuing some 2,000 megawatts in projects from Maine to Maui..."

In March, Gaynor secured financing for a \$70 million project on the island of Maui. [The project is a joint venture with [Makani Nui Associates](#), which owns 49 percent.] The 30-megawatt wind farm at Kaheawa Pastures will be Hawaii's first utility-scale project to be put into service since the 1980s. Plans call for 20 towers, 180 feet tall, with 1.5-megawatt General Electric turbines. Construction is expected to begin

this summer, and the project should be completed by the first quarter of 2006. When operational, the wind farm will supply up to 9 percent of demand to customers of Maui Electric Company.

The [Kaheawa Pastures](#) site is situated on state conservation land, between Ma'aleaea and Olowalu, at elevations ranging from 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

Makani Nui is [also a partner](#) in the Kahuku Wind project.

Business Week [reports](#) that Caffyn is a Director or Partner in dozens of Limited Liability Corporations tied to wind energy projects. These include Hawaii's Kaheawa Wind Power, LLC, Kaheawa Wind Power II, LLC, Hawaii Wind Construction, LLC, and UPC Hawaii Wind O&M.

[Caffyn is also listed as a Director or Partner](#) of Italian Vento Power Corporation (IVPC), Srl, IVPC 4, Srl. (Italian Vento Power Corporation), IVPC 6, Srl, IVPC 2000, Srl., IVPC Energy B.V., IVPC Energy 3 B.V., IVPC Energy 4 B.V., IVPC Energy 5, B.V., IVPC Energy 6, B.V., IVPC Energy 7, B.V., IVPC Gestione, Srl, IVPC Management, Srl, IVPC Management 2, Srl and IVPC Marche, Srl. Mr. Caffyn served as Director or Partner of IVPC Marche 2, Srl., IVPC Puglia, Srl, IVPC Service, Srl, IVPC Service 2, Srl, IVPC Service 3, Srl, IVPC Service 4, Srl, IVPC Service 5, Srl, IVPC Service 6, Srl, IVPC Sicilia, Srl., IVPC Sicilia 2, Srl., IVPC Sicilia 3, Srl., IVPC Sicilia 4, Srl., IVPC Sicilia 5, Srl., IVPC Sicilia 6, Srl., IVPC Umbria, Srl., IVPC Wind, Srl.

The *UK Independent* September 16, 2010 [reports](#):

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So naturally, First Wind is very comfortable with Hawaii politicians and business leaders.

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The list First Wind owned companies (some inactive) registered in Hawaii includes the following:

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- FIRST WIND ENERGY MARKETING, LLC
- FIRST WIND HAWAII
- FIRST WIND O&M BATTERY SERVICES, LLC
- FIRST WIND O&M FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, LLC
- FIRST WIND O&M FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LLC
- FIRST WIND O & M, LLC
- KAHEAWA WIND POWER II, LLC
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- KAHEAWA WIND POWER, L.L.C.
- KAHEAWA WIND POWER, LLC
- KAHEAWA WIND POWER VENTURES, LLC
- KAHUKU WIND POWER II, LLC
- KAHUKU WIND POWER II, LLC
- KAHUKU WIND POWER, LLC
- HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC DBA FIRST WIND HAWAII
- HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC DBA HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC (NV)
- UPC HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC
- UPC HAWAII HOLDINGS, LLC
- UPC HAWAII WIND
- UPC HAWAII WIND CONSTRUCTION, LLC
- UPC HAWAII WIND O & M, LLC
- UPC HAWAII WIND PARTNERS II, L.L.C.
- UPC HAWAII WIND PARTNERS II, LLC

- UPC HAWAII WIND PARTNERS II, LLC
- UPC HAWAII WIND PARTNERS, L.L.C.
- UPC HAWAII WIND PARTNERS, LLC
- UPC KAHUKU WIND POWER, LLC
- UPC KAUAI WIND POWER, LLC
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<http://www.hawaiiifreepress.com/main/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/4008/Hawaii-Wind-Developer-tied-to-Largest-ever-asset-seizure-by-antiMafia-police.aspx>

### **How does this information relate to the East Coast?**

This is a very local issue as Paul Gaynor CEO and President of First Wind is an Appointed Advisor to the Deval Patrick Administration.

Mass Executive Office of Environmental Affairs announces Governor Patrick appoints First Wind Paul Gaynor (Mass Green Jobs Czar) with quote from the Secretary Ian Bowles March 2009 Press Release:

[http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eoeepressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eoeea&b=pressrelease&f=090330\\_pr\\_cac&csid=Eoeea](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eoeepressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Eoeea&b=pressrelease&f=090330_pr_cac&csid=Eoeea)

### **DeepWater Wind is backed by First Wind:**

#### **First Wind spinoff to build RI offshore wind project**

#### **By Mass High Tech Staff**

The office of Rhode Island Governor [Donald Carcieri](#) announced today it has chosen [Deepwater Wind](#) to lead the development and construction of the state's \$1 billion offshore wind energy project. Deepwater Wind is an offshore wind development company formed by Newton-based [First Wind Holdings Inc.](#) and other investors. continue reading: <http://www.masshightech.com/stories/2008/09/22/daily59-First-Wind-spinoff-to-build-RI-offshore-wind-project.html>

### **From this SEC link see First Wind "Investment".**

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1434804/000104746910008574/a2195887zs-1a.htm>

#### **Investment**

On May 2, 2008, the Company contributed approximately \$3.4 million of cash and property in exchange for a 30% investment in Deepwater Wind, LLC (Deepwater), an off-shore wind energy company. The Company has significant influence but not control over Deepwater, therefore the Company accounts for this investment using the equity method of accounting. A member of First Wind has a majority investment in Deepwater. The Company committed to provide contributions of

\$120.0 million to Deepwater; however, the Company has the right to opt out of making such contributions, which could result in the dilution of the Company's interest in Deepwater. As of December 31, 2009, the Company's interest had been diluted to approximately 17%.

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Consistent with complaints, cause for arrests, asset seizures and prosecutions, wind projects associated with UPC First Wind---Kahuku as example, fail to produce energy, yet developers still collect public subsidies.

Check out "Wind Farm Doing Nothing!" on Fix Oahu Now! Panos Prevedouros for Mayor of Honolulu

To view this video, visit:

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<http://www.hawaiifreepress.com/main/ArticlesMain/tabid/56/ArticleType/ArticleView/ArticleID/4239/Default.aspx>

Thursday, May 05, 2011

## Video: Kahuku Wind turbines don't even turn on windy day

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### **Got Wind? YES. Got Power? NO**

by Panos Prevedouros PhD

*(From a press release) First Wind, an independent U.S.-based wind energy company, and Hawaiian Electric Company held a ribbon-cutting ceremony today to mark the commencement of commercial operations of the Kahuku Wind project. State, local and community leaders gathered at the project site on Oahu's North Shore to recognize the environmental and economic benefits of the 30 MW project, which features an innovative battery storage system and has the capacity to generate enough renewable energy to power up to 7,700 Oahu homes each year.*

My investigation five weeks later (April 30, 2011)... A picture is worth a thousand words... watch this:

[\(CLICK LINK TO VIDEO\)](#)

The bottom line is that both HECO and government got it wrong. Even when wind is present, the turbines are doing nothing.

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For additional information: Meet your wind developers:

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The bitter irony is that **UPC First Wind, through shell corporations**, continues to seize public assets in the U.S., while Italian Police seize UPC First Wind affiliates' assets for wind fraud. The attached testimony provided by UPC First Wind demonstrates their close ties with Italian Vento Power Corporation IVPC, at the center of the largest asset seizure in the history of the Mafia for wind energy fraud.

I oppose the extension of the PTC, and public subsidies for wind energy, that attract organized criminals that use the green cover to launder money, and traffic drugs and humans, and illegally dump hazardous waste.

Secure U.S. ports!

Thank You,

Barbara Durkin

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