



News Release

Valero Highlight Project Benefits with Economy Secretary Ken Skates visits Pembroke Refinery to learn about proposed CHP Unit investment

Pembroke, 11 April 2017 – Economy and Infrastructure Secretary Ken Skates visited Pembrokeshire today (Tuesday) to learn more about Valero’s proposals for a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Cogeneration Unit at Pembroke Refinery.

The Economy Secretary’s visit included a tour of the facility with members of the refinery leadership and the CHP Unit project team, to see the planned construction site for himself. The proposed project will provide power to the refinery as well as supplement the site’s steam demand, helping enable Wales’ only oil refinery and one of the largest regional employers to maintain its global competitiveness. During his visit, the Economy Secretary also took time to talk with a group of Valero apprentices and view some of the work they are undertaking as part of their studies.

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said, “I am very encouraged by the plans Valero have in place to make this substantial £100 million investment here in Pembrokeshire. The refinery is within the heart of the Haven Waterway Enterprise Zone, which was established by the Welsh Government to support the energy sector in the region. Valero is a very important employer in the area supporting over a thousand families who rely on the employment and very well paid jobs offered by the refinery.”

Ed Tomp, Valero Vice President and Refinery General Manager, said, “With the UK refining industry facing numerous challenges, this proposed project will help to ensure Pembroke Refinery – which is one of Wales’ leading employers and is one of Europe’s largest and most complex refineries – continues to be successful in the competitive global market, and it was a real pleasure to be able to tell the Economy Secretary more about our plans.”

The Economy Secretary also commented, “It was fantastic to be able to spend some time with Valero’s apprentices. The refinery’s apprenticeship programme offers young people here in Pembrokeshire a path towards skilled employment and this project will go a long way towards helping secure jobs here for future generations.”

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Pictured: Economy & Infrastructure Secretary Ken Skates AM (second left) with members of the CHP Cogeneration Unit Project Team at Valero Pembroke Refinery



Pictured: Economy & Infrastructure Secretary Ken Skates AM meeting Valero apprentices at Valero Pembroke Refinery



Pictured: Economy & Infrastructure Secretary Ken Skates AM at Valero Pembroke Refinery