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## Abstracts

The development of renewable energy in Scotland has come forward in technical, economic, and political terms during the opening years of the 21st century. The natural resource base for renewables is exceptional by European, and even global standards. In addition to an existing installed capacity of 1.3 Gigawatts (GW) of hydro-electric schemes, Scotland has an estimated potential of 36.5 GW of wind and 7.5 GW of tidal power, 25% of the estimated total capacity for the European Union and up to 14 GW of wave power potential, 10% of EU capacity. The renewable electricity generating capacity may be 60 GW or more, considerably greater than the existing capacity from all Scottish fuel sources of 10.3 GW.

Much of this potentiality remains unexploited, but continuing improvements in engineering are sanctioning more of the renewable resources to be utilised. Fears regarding "peak oil" and climate change have driven the subject high up the political agenda and are also boosting the use of various biofuels. Although the funds of many projects remain either risky or contingent on subsidies, it is probable that there has been a significant, and in all probability long-term change, in the underpinning economics.

Besides the planned increases in both mass generating capacity and microsystems using renewable sources, various related schemes to reduce carbon emissions are being researched. While there is substantial support from the public, private and community-led sectors, concerns about the effect of the technologies on the natural environment have been expressed. There is also an emerging political debate about the relationship between the siting, and the ownership and control of these widely distributed resources.

Aruvian's R'search presents a focus on the Renewable Energy Industry in Scotland in its report – Analyzing Renewable Energy in Scotland. The report is a complete analysis of the various sectors of renewable energy in Scotland. Starting with an analysis of the

energy issues facing Scotland and the overall renewable energy industry in Scotland, the report analyzes the following renewable commodities: small hydro power, biomass, wind energy, tidal and wave energy, nuclear power, and wind energy. Scotland's environment for the development of renewable energy is also discussed in details in the report. Regulatory frameworks, government schemes promoting the use of renewable energy, etc., are all described in the report.

Major industry players such as Scottish and Southern Energy, Ecotricity, Airtricity, etc., are also profiled in the Aruvian's Analyzing Renewable Energy in Scotland.

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