

POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

IT USED TO BE THE CASE THAT WHEN COMPANIES EVALUATED PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UK POLITICAL RISK WAS NOT SEEN AS AN ISSUE.

HOWEVER OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WITH SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS 'FLIP FLOPPING' HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE COMPANIES NOW HAVE A RAISED AWARENESS OF POLITICAL RISK.

IN FACT IN SOME QUARTERS, BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTIES, IT IS BEING SAID THAT THE UK NOW RANKS SOMEWHERE NEAR SOMALIA WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICAL RISK - - - - A LITTLE EXTREME I WOULD SAY BUT IT DOES BRING INTO SHARP FOCUS HOW MISGUIDED POLITICAL RHETORIC CAN HAMPER - - - - AND DISMANTLE - - - - A MARKETPLACE.

WE HAVE SEEN IT'S INFLUENCE NOT JUST IN RENEWABLES BUT ALSO OIL & GAS, SHIPBUILDING AND ELECTRONICS.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE POLITICIANS THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

Now Clear for Nuclear



Well after much talk of pulling out of the UK, it appears that the Nuclear Industry held the Government's feet to the flames and got more or less the deal it wanted.

The UK had been manoeuvred down a one way street and was unable to reverse out.

The Nuclear Industry had upped the rhetoric and played the media card much more astutely than the Coalition.

Not only do they get a price guaranteed for 35years but at double the price of electricity today.

Ah but the price of energy will rise and it will be a good deal in the end -- Yes but when? 25 years time as the price is index linked.

Oh and who will pick up the total cost of decommissioning the plants at the end of their

Energy Companies - - - - Bloody Bankers

It now looks like it's 'Bash the Energy Industry' time!!!

Well we've done the Oil & Gas companies, we've done the Financial Services Industry, we've done the Pharmaceutical Industry so who's next on the 'Beat up an Industry' path that governments tend to follow.

The concept of companies having to make profits in order to invest appears to be an anathema to successive UK governments. But hey, ho we elect them and give them valuable airtime!!

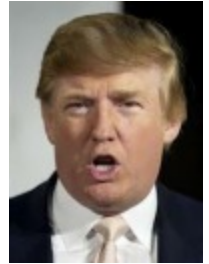
Watch out the supermarkets - - - - you're probably next!!



Rough with the Smooth

Everyone's favourite entrepreneur is back in court!!

Yep Mr Trump is challenging the Scottish Government's audacity to consent an offshore windfarm off Aberdeen which will be seen from his golf complex at the Menie Estate.



His challenge appears to be on the grounds that someone promised it wouldn't be built --- obviously not understanding the UK Planning Process.

Let's see how it all pans out.

In the meantime pass the 7 Iron, I think the line in is the 3rd turbine on the left with a slight draw.

Driving Down the Ambition!!

With all the recent pronouncements out of Westminster, now comes the inevitable review of investment plans by the developers.

One politician was quoted as saying "We cannot give the market certainty." The market is not asking for absolute certainty but merely parameters, boundaries within which it is able to factor in the Risks and Issues and decide whether or not it wishes to proceed with certain developments.

With the current uncertainty, constant consultation and ongoing toying and frothing these boundaries are just not there!

Here we had an industry that could have helped pull the UK out of recession and all that has happened is that it has been castigated and classified as moneygrabbers.

Plus ça change plus ça change chose, chose, chose as the French would say

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