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## Google invests \$75 million in RPMA-owned Iowa wind farm

WEST DES MOINES, IA and MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – Nov. 15, 2012 – Google Inc. and RPM Access, LLC (RPMA) today announced that Google has made a \$75 million equity investment in RPMA's Rippey Wind Farm. The 50 megawatt facility, located in Greene County, Iowa was built by RPMA, a developer of wind farms headquartered in West Des Moines. RPM Access remains the active partner and manager in the project, bringing its operational and management expertise in three other Iowa wind farms to the partnership.

"Over the past two years, Google's investments have helped enable the deployment of hundreds of megawatts of renewable energy," said Axel Martinez, Assistant Treasurer and Head of Capital Markets at Google. "Our investment in the Rippey project is a further demonstration of our commitment to a clean energy future."

"We're delighted to be partnering with Google on this project," said Steven Dryden, founder and principal of RPMAccess. "Their investment enables RPMA to grow as a company, to invest further in our existing projects and to pursue future development opportunities - this is a dream come true for a small group of wind entrepreneurs."

Construction of the Rippey wind energy project commenced in November 2011 and has recently achieved commercial operation. The Rippey project consists of 20 Nordex 2.5 megawatt turbines, manufactured at Nordex USA's Jonesboro, Arkansas facility. The 50 megawatt facility has the capacity to generate enough clean energy to power approximately 15,000 homes. The energy produced by the wind farm has been contracted to Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO).

Google operates a data center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and works in a variety of ways to green the grid in the regions where they operate. In 2010, Google entered into a long-term contract to purchase wind energy from NextEra Energy Resources Story County II facility, and this investment strengthens Google's ongoing commitment to renewable energy in Iowa and beyond. Google's global commitment to renewable energy projects is over \$990 million.

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## About RPM Access LLC

RPM Access, based in West Des Moines, Iowa is a successful developer, builder, operator and owner of utility scale wind farms. For more information on RPMAccess and their projects, please visit the web site: <a href="https://www.rpmaccess.com">www.rpmaccess.com</a>.

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