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### **Geronimo Acquires Michigan Wind Development Assets from Midland Energy**

*Looks to continue its growth through additional strategic activities*

**Minneapolis, Minnesota - April 7th, 2011** – Geronimo Wind Energy, LLC (“Geronimo”) has acquired the Huron County, Michigan wind development assets of Midland Energy, LLC (“Midland”). The acquisition marks Geronimo’s entrance into the Michigan wind market as it looks to further its acquisition and partnership activities throughout the Midwest and surrounding regions.

Geronimo’s Director of Business Development, Charlie Daum, noted, “We view Michigan as a great opportunity. Favorable market forces including a strong renewable portfolio standard, a robust and expanding transmission infrastructure, an abundant wind resource, and most importantly, a welcoming community, made our decision to invest in Huron County very easy.”

Midland Energy has been developing these projects since 2004 and decided to sell the assets as they moved closer to the final stages of development and construction. Midland identified other potential buyers of the projects, but selected Geronimo because of the company’s community-driven development strategy as well as its financial strength and ability to bring these projects through to successful completion.

“The Midland team is thrilled to transition these projects over to Geronimo for completion. We were looking for a financially strong and dependable development partner to help us deliver on the promises we made to these communities. Geronimo has the resources, capital, and attitude needed to finish what we started,” explained Jerry Decker, Vice President of Midland.

Geronimo has also hired David Shiflett, a Michigan native, to lead the local development efforts from Geronimo’s new office in Pigeon, Michigan. Geronimo is diligently moving forward with the 120 megawatt Apple Blossom Wind Farm, located in McKinley, Winsor and Fairhaven Townships of Huron County and another Huron County site acquired from Midland. Once constructed, the Apple Blossom Wind Farm will host up to 75 wind turbines and will represent a total investment in excess of \$200 million. The next steps in developing the project are to finalize the permitting, secure a power purchase agreement, and begin construction, all of which will occur over the next couple of years.

"We are pleased to have acquired these projects from Midland. Midland had added real value in securing a competitive site and developing trust within the community. We look forward to building upon that trust as we complete the development of the Apple Blossom project and others in the area," explained Blake Nixon, President of Geronimo. He added further that "the Midland acquisition is good example of how we are looking to grow our development business, by partnering with local developers with strong ties to the community and competitive sites in promising markets."

### **About Geronimo Wind Energy:**

Founded in 2004 with roots in agriculture and investing, Geronimo Wind Energy is a utility-scale wind developer headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with offices across the Midwest. Geronimo currently has more than 4,000 MW of projects in development and actively pursues partnership opportunities with other developers and landowners. Geronimo's goal is to bring the benefits of renewable energy to rural communities by developing wind farms that are farmer-friendly, community-driven, and good for the environment. For more information about Geronimo, visit us on the web at [www.geronimowind.com](http://www.geronimowind.com).