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### **Wemyss family to build new distillery in Fife**

The Wemyss family is delighted to announce that it will shortly begin building a new single malt whisky distillery and visitor centre by Kingsbarns, Fife, Scotland.

Approximately 6 miles from St. Andrews, The Kingsbarns Distillery will be built within sight of the world-famous Kingsbarns championship golf course on land which will be leased from Sir Peter Erskine of the Cambo Estate. The site of the distillery will be the historic and charming East Newhall Farm steading.

The Wemyss family is being supported in this exciting new development with a grant from the Scottish Government. It is expected that development of the existing listed building will begin in early 2013, with a view to beginning distilling and welcoming visitors a year later.

It is well known that Wemyss family has links with the whisky industry going back to the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when John Haig (founder of Haig's) built his first distillery on Wemyss land, and since 2005, with the independent bottler Wemyss Malts. However, it is also the case that the Wemyss family has a historical link with the site of the new Kingsbarns Distillery as the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Wemyss actually owned part of the Cambo Estate between 1759 and 1783.

William Wemyss, commented on behalf of the family: "This rare opportunity to distil our own single malt whisky and develop a new Scotch whisky brand to support our existing business as an independent bottler will secure the family interest in Scotch for the next generation. We are delighted to be working with the Scottish Government, Sir Peter Erskine and Kingsbarns Distillery founder, Doug Clement, to bring a new distillery and visitor centre to the East Fife area."

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Notes to the Editor:

- The Wemyss family is from Scotland and their historic family seat is Wemyss Castle in Fife where they've lived since the 1300s.
- The family already own Wemyss Malts which is an independent bottler with a whisky range including the blended malt whisky range comprising: The Spice King, The Peat Chimney and The Hive; single malt single cask bottlings and the recently launched 15 years old blended Scotch named Lord Elcho after one of the Wemyss family's ancestors.
- The Wemyss family premium wines and spirits brands also include boutique gin Darnley's View together with the premium wine estate of Rimauresq Cru Classé in Cotes de Provence.

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