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Siemens Gamesa and Max Bögl Wind AG sign partnership agreement

Increased profitability of wind power projects

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, one of the world's leading wind turbine manufacturers, and the German hybrid tower producer, Max Bögl Wind AG, have agreed a forward-looking cooperation model. Under the framework partnership agreement, project developers planning a Siemens Gamesa wind turbine will now be able to purchase hybrid towers as a project component directly from Max Bögl, reducing the number of interfaces and further optimising costs. One of the first projects to use the new contractual structure is the Coesfeld Letter Bruch GmbH wind farm, which is being developed by the SL NaturEnergie group.

Under the new cooperation model, project participants will work closely together as equal partners to make wind power expansion in Germany more attractive as market conditions become tougher. The wind farm project in Coesfeld highlights the importance of new kinds of partnerships and intensive discussions among all project participants in challenging times. "There are obvious advantages for the end customer in buying the hybrid towers directly, and this substantially increases the profitability of the Coesfeld project," states Josef Knitl, CEO of Max Bögl Wind AG.

Solution for challenging times and projects

Siemens Gamesa is also sure the partnership will be a success: "In recent years, we have brought down the costs of wind energy significantly through technological innovations and efficient project management. The Coesfeld project shows how close cooperation between suppliers and project developers can lead to profitable wind farms even at challenging sites," says Clark MacFarlane, Siemens Gamesa Onshore CEO for the NE&ME region. "We are delighted that together with SL NaturEnergie and Max Bögl Wind AG, we have succeeded in launching a major project that demonstrates the great potential of wind energy in Germany."

Major project an encouraging sign in difficult times

With 13 state-of-the-art wind turbines, the project in the western Münsterland region is currently one of the largest wind energy projects in North Rhine-Westphalia. It therefore sends out a positive signal for

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the wind power industry as a whole. Despite the difficult political environment, project planners like SL NaturEnergie remain committed to clean electricity from renewable sources.

The Coesfeld Letter Bruch wind farm will be operated by SL NaturEnergie together with Energy as a joint venture owned by the Coesfeld and Borcken municipal utilities and Letter Wind, a “citizen energy association”. In this way, as much of the value generated by the plant as possible will stay in the region and benefit local people directly. “The wind farm has the broad support of local citizens and the community. It sets an example for the region and beyond. In Coesfeld, from the outset we focused on cooperating with municipal utilities and landowners. This is complemented by citizen participation and a civic foundation that supports local social initiatives. It is important to us that as many people as possible who are involved in the energy transition and helping to protect future generations should also be able to share in the value created,” says Milan Nitzschke, managing director at SL NaturEnergie.

The wind turbines in Coesfeld will play a significant role in making the town’s energy supply more climate-friendly. They will produce around 125,000,000 kWh of clean electricity every year, enough to supply almost 36,000 three-person households, while saving more than 53,000 tons of climate-harming CO₂.

Commissioning planned by early 2021

Eight type SWT-142 turbines are being installed at a hub height of 165 metres, each on a Hybrid Tower 2.0 by Max Bögl Wind AG, as well as one type SWT-130 turbine also at 165 metres on a first generation hybrid tower. Four additional type SWT-142 turbines are being installed on steel tube towers at a hub height of 129 m. For all 13 wind turbines, the foundations and concrete segments will be provided by Max Bögl Wind AG.

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Symbolic groundbreaking for the wind farm near Coesfeld, with f.l.t.r.: Marco Lange (Communications Manager Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy), Mechtild Schulze Hessing (Mayor of the city Borken and deputy chairwoman of the Emergy shareholders'), Thomas Stallmeyer (chairman of the Supervisory Board of Wirtschaftsbetriebe der Stadt Coesfeld), Heinz Öhmann (Mayor of the city Coesfeld and chairman of the Emergy shareholders') sowie Johannes Peter (local farmer and co-director of Letter Wind GmbH) und Klaus Schulze Langenhorst (Founder and managing director of SL NaturEnergie).

Source: SL NaturEnergie GmbH

About Max Bögl Wind AG

Using renewable energies more efficiently and actively promoting the energy transition. This is the principle behind Max Bögl Wind AG with its innovative technology solutions. The company is Germany's market leader in manufacturing, delivering and erecting hybrid towers. In 2017, it set the record for the world's highest wind turbine tower with a hub height of 178 meters. Max Bögl Wind AG is also setting new innovative standards in the energy storage industry. With the water battery, an entirely new powerful storage system has been developed, which combines renewable energies with an innovative pumped-storage power plant for the first time. The turnkey portfolio complements the max.power division with the development of concepts suitable for placing and marketing the generated energy. Max Bögl Wind AG is an affiliate company of the company group Max Bögl. With over 6,500 highly qualified employees at more than 35 locations worldwide and annual sales of around EUR 1.7 billion, Max Bögl is one of the largest construction, technology and service companies in the German construction industry.

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About Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energies

Siemens Gamesa is a global leader in the wind power industry, with a strong presence in all facets of the business: offshore, onshore and services. The company's advanced digital capabilities enable it to offer one of the broadest product portfolios in the sector as well as industry-leading service solutions, helping to make clean energy more affordable and reliable. With more than 103 GW installed worldwide, Siemens Gamesa manufactures, installs and maintains wind turbines, both onshore and offshore. The company's orders backlog stands at €28.6 billion. The company is headquartered in Spain and listed on the Spanish stock exchange (trading on the Ibex-35 index).

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About the SL NaturEnergie group of companies:

Since 1996 SL NaturEnergie has been realising wind energy and photovoltaic plants with the aim of playing a leading role in securing the energy turnaround in North Rhine-Westphalia. The company attaches great importance to the involvement of local partners in the planning, financing and construction of the projects. SL NaturEnergie is based in Gladbeck.

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