



Press Release

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wpd concludes supply contract for wind turbines in the French project Auzay

The French wpd project company 'Energie Vendée SAS' can announce an important contract conclusion: ENERCON will supply the turbines for the onshore wind energy project 'Auzay'.

The Auzay project is located in the municipality of Auchay sur Vendée, Département Vendée, in the Pays de la Loire region of north-west France. Here nine wind turbines (WTG) of the Enercon E-138 EP3 type with a total capacity of almost 36 MW are to be erected.

wpd was awarded the contract for the project at the end of 2017 in the first French round of tenders. The new tenders introduced at that time were initially designed for two rounds of 500 MW each and a total of 3,000 MW per year. The lively participation in that first round of tenders and the resulting average price of 65.4 €/MWh for 20 years was seen in France at the time as a clear sign of the competitiveness of wind energy compared to the predominant nuclear energy. wpd's Auzay project is thus making an important contribution to the French energy turnaround.

With the signing of the contract for the supply of the turbines, the next step in the realization process for the wind farm has been taken. Already in February, the order for the so-called anchor baskets marked the start of the foundation construction. According to the schedule, the first turbines will already be installed in October, with the result that the first WTGs can be expected to be commissioned as early as December of this year.

"Thanks to the tireless efforts of the teams and partners, the planning is on target," says Lars Müller, Head of Equipment Acquisition Wind at wpd. "It is good to be able to rely on proven cooperations especially in challenging times". Thomas Hähnel, Key Account wpd in ENERCON Sales, adds: "We are pleased by the trust that wpd has placed in our turbine technology and in us as a company. Together, we want to further promote the energy turnaround in Europe".

About wpd

wpd AG develops and operates onshore and offshore wind farms and solar parks, and is actively engaged in 25 countries around the world; the head office is in Bremen. The German company has already realized wind energy projects with around 2,270 wind turbines and an output of 4,720 MW, and is planning further projects with a total of 11,300 MW onshore, 7,400 MW offshore and 1,150 MWp solar energy.

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About ENERCON

ENERCON is a leading international wind turbine manufacturer based in Aurich, Germany. The company was created in 1984 by Dr. Aloys Wobben and is among the five world's largest wind turbine manufacturers. ENERCON is recognized as a technology and innovation leader: It is known for its pioneering gearless drive concept and for the largest patent portfolio in the industry. In total, ENERCON has delivered more than 30,035 onshore wind energy converters, with a combined power generation capacity of 52.3 Gigawatts (as of Q2/2020).

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