



Press release

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wpd reports strong growth in the Northern European market

wpd is one of the leading project planners and operators of onshore wind energy projects in Europe. With the strong teams of wpd Scandinavia in Stockholm, Sweden, and wpd Suomi in Espoo and Oulu, Finland, the Bremen-based company is also very successful in the Northern European market for renewable energies.

In Sweden, the Stölsäterberget wind farm with a total capacity of 47.2 MW was recently commissioned in the provinces of Dalarna and Värmland. As an experienced partner for Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), wpd was able to conclude a contract with Microsoft for the direct purchase of the green electricity generated.

While the Ripfjället project located northwest of the Stölsäterberget wind farm has received environmental approval, wpd Scandinavia was able to secure the grid connection for the combined Broboberget-Lannaberget project in central Sweden in October last year. With around 100 turbine sites in both parts of the project and up to 740 MW of installed capacity, an estimated 1.5 TWh of green energy can be supplied.

The grid connection agreement for the Råtiden wind farm project with up to 54 turbine locations is also to be signed in the near future. This is an important milestone for this major project in the northern Swedish province of Västerbotten, a region in which the strong expansion and relocation of many energy-intensive companies from various sectors is expected in the coming years.

In the Tomasliden project with 10 wind turbines and 68 MW, which, like Råtiden, is also located in the province of Västerbotten, the preparatory work on the wind farm infrastructure, i.e. the construction of roads, parking areas, rock anchor foundations and cable work, is almost complete, meaning that the installation of the turbines can begin in June according to schedule.

Successes can also be reported from wpd's Finnish projects. Work on the wind farm infrastructure at the Maaselänkangas wind farm in the municipality of Oulainen, with 7 turbines and 41.3 MW, is also almost completed. Installation of the turbines will start in June of this year.

Two further projects in Finland, Söderskogen and Palovaara, are almost ready for construction. Both projects have already received legally binding building permits and the grid connection contracts have been signed. Technical project optimization is currently underway. In Söderskogen, the transformer required for the substation has been ordered and is scheduled for delivery in 2026. In the Lapland project Palovaara, the grid operator is currently taking measures to reinforce the grid in order to enable a grid connection in 2027.

"Our teams at wpd Scandinavia and wpd Suomi Oy are doing really great things," says Paul Bade, Country Manager at wpd for Northern Europe. "There are currently wind farm projects with a total capacity of almost 1.7 GW in the wpd project pipeline for Northern Europe. We are an established player in the market for renewable energies in Sweden and Finland."

In addition, wpd is planning photovoltaic projects with a volume of several hundred megawatts in Finland and Sweden, further underpinning its strong and successful commitment to the energy transition in Northern Europe.

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About wpd

wpd is one of the world's leading developers and operators (IRPP) of wind and solar farms. Founded in 1996, the company develops, finances, constructs and operates wind farms and solar parks in 31 countries. The IRPP business includes projects in its own portfolio with a total capacity of 3,192 MW. Thanks to its growing expertise, the company is considered a reliable partner for Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). wpd is steadily expanding its activities in the German domestic market and internationally in Europe, Asia, North America and South America and has a project pipeline totaling 19,320 MW of onshore wind and 5,015 MW of solar energy.

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