

Press release

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Deutsche Windtechnik is opening a business unit in Taiwan – First major service contract for Yunlin offshore wind farm

Deutsche Windtechnik continues to expand its worldwide service network and is establishing a new regional unit in Taiwan. At the offshore wind farm Yunlin, Deutsche Windtechnik Co. Ltd. will be in charge of a large part of wind turbine maintenance above and below water as well as technical management. In the medium term, the newly formed Taiwan team will comprise about 25 professionals, most of whom will be Taiwanese, including service technicians, HSE managers, administration as well as the crew of the Crew Transfer Vessel (CTV), which has been newly built in Taiwan. The managing directors of the Taiwanese unit will be Carl Rasmus Richardsen, Hendrik Bösch and Jens Landwehr. The company's headquarters will be in Taiwan's capital Taipei.

With a total capacity of 650 to 700 MW, the first construction phase of Taiwan's first offshore wind farm Yunlin will be connected to the grid in 2020. The German wind farm developer wpd AG is responsible for project planning, construction and installation. "We were able to win strong partners for the construction and operation of the Yunlin wind farm. We have been working together with Deutsche Windtechnik successfully at the German wind farm Butendiek and the Nordergründe wind farm for years, and together we have a real quality advantage in Taiwan," Achim Berge Olsen, CEO of wpd AG, emphasised. Carl-Rasmus Richardsen added: "The fact that we are setting up a branch office in Taiwan is also an example of how the expertise we have gained in Germany and Europe is enabling us to accompany larger customers to countries where they want to continue to grow internationally. The trust that our customers are demonstrating through this is definitely a competitive advantage!"

Maintenance above and under water with the involvement of local specialists

At the Yunlin wind farm, Deutsche Windtechnik will be in charge of technical management, commercial management and comprehensive QHSE management. In addition, Deutsche Windtechnik's contractual responsibilities will include management and provision of logistics, maintenance for the foundation structures including corrosion protection, and maintenance for substations and transition pieces. In order to ensure service quality and compliance with HSE requirements, the Taiwanese service technicians who will be deployed for the maintenance work will not only be trained in Taiwan but also at Deutsche Windtechnik's Training Center in Europe. Discussions are currently being held with Taiwanese universities to secure qualified new recruits from the region for the long term. The aim is to jointly develop and carry out a study programme in the field of wind energy technology.

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Illustration 1

Deutsche Windtechnik AG is establishing a business unit in Taiwan and launching its full service offering at the offshore wind farm Yunlin. © Pictures: Deutsche Windtechnik



Illustration 2

Deutsche Windtechnik AG will be in charge of the technical management for the offshore wind farm Yunlin and will also carry out maintenance tasks above and below water. © Pictures: Deutsche Windtechnik

About Deutsche Windtechnik AG

Bremen-based Deutsche Windtechnik AG offers a single-source full technical maintenance package for wind turbines in Europe, the USA and effective immediately also in Taiwan. The company operates both onshore and offshore. More than 3,400 wind turbines are serviced by over 1,100 employees worldwide as part of permanent maintenance contracts (basic and full maintenance). Its system engineering focuses on Vestas/NEG Micon, Siemens/AN Bonus, Nordex, Senvion, Fuhrländer, Gamesa and Enercon turbines.

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