UK heavy haulage specialist Plant Speed has put three new Nooteboom three-axle Super Wing Carriers (SWC) into service (OVB-67-03(QP) models). The Super Wing Carriers were especially developed for the transport of ultra-long rotor blades. Paul Lomas, owner of Plant Speed, comments, “The current generation of windmills have a blade tip height of up to 200 metres and rotor blades that are 70 metres long. It is no longer possible to transport these rotor blades with conventional extendible trailers. Nooteboom’s SWC has established an excellent reputation internationally. This type of trailer is used throughout Europe as standard for the transport of ultra-long rotor blades. This makes our decision of opting for the Nooteboom SWC a completely logical one.”

Dutch international dredging and offshore contractor Van Oord commissioned heavy lift and transportation specialist Sarens to load out a 580 tonne pile template in Wallsend, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom. Van Oord is installing 102 three-legged jacket foundations for Scottish Power Renewables, which is building the East Anglia ONE offshore wind farm in the North Sea. The equipment Sarens used for the job comprised: three six-line SPMTs and PPUs; six CS250s with 4 metres of cartridges and bracings; a 400 tonne mobile crane; a 220 tonne mobile crane; 21 m of bridge beams (converted to link spans); and ballast pumps and winches.

The pile template was 38 m in diameter. Sarens said it had to support it on all node points and ensure that it was in line with the link span design, which meant it had to be picked up within millimetres of the transport design plan.

An online video of the project can be seen at: https://bit.ly/2H31inh