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Operation & Maintenance

Service contract for AMBAU Windservice

AMBAU Windservice GmbH, a subsidiary of tower and foundation manufacturer AMBAU GmbH, has been awarded a service and maintenance contract by DOTI, the consortium consisting of EWE, E.ON and Vattenfall, for the alpha ventus offshore wind farm.

The framework agreement was signed at the end of June. During the next 5 ½ years AMBAU Windservice will be providing

service and maintenance work on corrosion protection and steel construction, and assessment of individual components of the turbines. The alpha ventus wind farm has been in operation since 2009 and consists of 12 REpower 5MW turbines located approximately 45km north of the island of Borkum.



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Sarens and Verbrugge Terminals join forces

Belgian crane company Sarens and Dutch logistic service company Verbrugge Terminals have entered into a strategic partnership to serve the offshore wind industry. Verbrugge Terminals is based in the Port of Vlissingen, strategically located at the entrance of the Western Scheldt estuary with access to the large wind farms operating and planned in the North Sea.

Already it is involved with some of the largest wind farms. Crane specialist Sarens, based in Wolvertem, Belgium, has extensive experience in crane rental and

heavy lift and transports in the offshore wind industry. Now both companies have joined forces by signing an exclusive agreement to work intensively together on onshore logistic activities related to offshore wind farms.

Their services will include load-in, storage, preassembly and load-out of foundations, turbine components and also key support services.

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Busy times for Cuxport

The Port of Cuxhaven is very busy at the moment. Offshore WIND spoke to port operator Cuxport GmbH at the WAB. During the same event the first tubular structures from SIF Group for the German wind farm Meerwind were entering the port. AMBAU, responsible for the production of monopiles and transition pieces, is also busy producing at the moment.

The Sea Jacks is expected to arrive at the port in September to load these. This will be the first time that the new berth will be used for an offshore wind project. The first cables, from nkt, for the Amrumbank will also be arriving soon at Cuxport. Here they will be stored until installation starts. Early May Cuxport signed an exclusive

reservation agreement with E.ON. to secure space at the port and exclusive use of one of the three existing quays for assembly work, transportation and storage.

The port will also be used as a starting base for the wind farm personnel. E.ON is the first offshore operator to use the facilities at Cuxport as an installation port. The project could create many jobs at the port.

