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# DOGGER BANK WIND FARM

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## **Dogger Bank Wind Farm hosts ‘Meet the Buyer’ events**

***– Early registration advised for online webinars connecting UK suppliers with Tier 1 contractors –***

**26 August 2020:** Dogger Bank Wind Farm is holding a series of ‘Meet the Buyer’ supply chain webinars next month enabling UK businesses to gear-up and bid for contracts to help build the world’s biggest offshore wind farm.

The nine webinars, separately hosted by each of the project’s Tier 1 contractors, will take place from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 24 September. The free-to-attend webinar events are being organised by Dogger Bank Wind Farm partners SSE Renewables and Equinor, in association with energy business development organisation NOF. Early registration is advised as the webinar events are expected to be very well attended.

The ‘Meet the Buyer’ events will give businesses of all sizes, across a wide range of disciplines, a chance to meet with the Dogger Bank project team and Tier 1 contractors to explore opportunities to provide products and services to the world’s biggest offshore wind construction project.

Tier 2 supply chain companies wishing to meet with Tier 1 buyers can register online via the [dedicated link at DoggerBank.com](https://www.doggerbank.com), indicating which main contractor they wish to meet and providing as much information as possible about the products and services they can supply. Participating Tier 1 contractors will include Jan de Nul Group, Saipem, OHT, DEME Offshore, Jones Bros Civil Engineering, ABB, GE Renewable Energy, NKT, and Aibel.

**Steve Wilson, Dogger Bank Wind Farm’s Project Director at SSE Renewables, said:**

“Dogger Bank Wind Farm and its appointed Tier 1 Contractors are committed to supporting the development and growth of a competitive supply chain, particularly from UK-based suppliers. These

important webinar events will provide an ideal opportunity for businesses of all sizes and across a range of specialisms to meet with the main Tier 1 contractors working on the delivery of Dogger Bank Wind Farm with a view to creating valuable new supply chain connections. We're particularly pleased to be working with NOF in the delivery of these events, which we believe will help maximise the opportunity for companies in the UK and particularly those in the North East of England."

**Sophie Banham, Equinor's Dogger Bank Supply Chain Interface Manager and Sector Deal Lead for the Offshore Wind Growth Partnership, said:**

"Dogger Bank Wind Farm is a significant construction project and we want to encourage UK businesses of all sizes to get involved. From electrical systems to civil works, these nine webinars provide a great opportunity for UK businesses to meet with our Tier 1 contractors across a wide range of disciplines, and find out more about the kinds of contracts available. The UK plans to quadruple its offshore wind capacity over the next decade, and there are huge growth projections globally. As part of the Offshore Wind Sector Deal, developers and suppliers across industry are working together to support the growth of a competitive supply chain here in the UK, which can take advantage not just of UK projects, but is able to compete and win contracts globally."

**Joanne Leng MBE, Deputy Chief Executive of NOF, said:**

"NOF is proud to be supporting the Dogger Bank Wind Farm project team with supply chain engagement activities. The North East of England, with its strong track record in offshore wind, warmly welcomes SSE Renewables and Equinor to the region. The supply chain looks forward to being involved in what will be the world's largest offshore wind farm which is right here on our doorstep."

After all the webinars have taken place, Dogger Bank's Tier 1 Contractors will arrange subsequent one-to-one meetings with Tier 2 supply chain companies which those contractors have selected to meet.

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**About Dogger Bank Wind Farm**

- A 50:50 joint venture between Equinor and SSE Renewables.
- Financial close on Dogger Bank A and Dogger Bank B is expected in late 2020 with FID for Dogger Bank C expected in late 2021.
- Consent was granted in 2015.
- Located in the North Sea, with each phase more than 130km from the Yorkshire Coast.
- Each phase of the project (Dogger Bank A, Dogger Bank B and Dogger Bank C) will have an installed capacity of 1.2GW and will be able to power 1.5 million homes. Together, they can provide approximately 5% of the UK's estimated electricity generation.
- The first phase, Dogger Bank A, is expected to be operational in 2023.

- The wind turbines will be installed on monopile foundations. Preferred supplier for foundation fabrication will be announced in 2020.
- The project will be the first in the UK to use a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission system due to long distance to grid connection point.

### **About SSE Renewables**

SSE Renewables is a leading developer, owner and operator of renewable energy across the UK and Ireland, with a portfolio of around 4GW of onshore wind, offshore wind and hydro. Part of the FTSElisted SSE plc, its strategy is to drive the transition to a net zero future through the world class development, construction and operation of renewable energy assets.

SSE Renewables owns nearly 2GW of operational onshore wind capacity with over 1GW under development. Its 1,459MW hydro portfolio includes 300MW of pumped storage and 750MW of flexible hydro. Its operational offshore wind portfolio consists of 580MW across three offshore sites, two of which it operates on behalf of its joint venture partners. SSE Renewables has the largest offshore wind development pipeline in the UK and Ireland at over 6GW.

### **About Equinor in the UK**

Equinor has been operating in the UK for over 35 years. Headquartered in Norway, the company employs 22,000 people globally, and over 650 in the UK. As a broad energy company, Equinor is committed to long term value creation in a low carbon future, and targeting carbon neutral operations globally by 2030.

Equinor is the UK's leading energy provider and supports the UK economy by investing billions in crucial energy infrastructure, working with over 700 suppliers across the country. Its energy supplies from Norway meet more than one quarter of the UK's demand for natural gas and around one fifth of its demand for oil, both produced with one of the lowest carbon footprints in the industry. It operates the Mariner oil field, one of the largest and most digitally advanced offshore investments in the UK over the last decade, and is progressing Rosebank, the largest undeveloped field in the UK.

Both projects support hundreds of jobs and economic activity in Scotland. Equinor also operates two offshore wind farms off the East Coast of England, Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal. It is a pioneer in floating wind technology with Hywind Scotland, the world's first floating wind farm off the coast of Peterhead, which is partnered with Batwind, the world's first battery for offshore wind. And with its partner SSE Renewables, Equinor is building the largest offshore wind farm in the world, Dogger Bank, off the North East coast of England. It is also a leader in both carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) and hydrogen, and is developing a number of projects in Europe, including in the Humber and Teesside regions of North East England.

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