

DOGGER BANK WIND FARM

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OHT seals contract for Dogger Bank B

14 September 2020: Following July's contract announcement with OHT for the transport and installation of foundations at Dogger Bank A, Dogger Bank Wind Farm is pleased to announce that it has now also signed the contract with OHT for the second phase Dogger Bank B.

The foundation transport and installation project will be a continuation for OHT's specialist new build vessel Alfa Lift after completing installation work on Dogger Bank A. Alfa Lift will transport and install all monopile foundations and transition pieces for each of the two 1.2GW phases of the project between 2022 and 2024.

Dogger Bank Wind Farm is being developed by SSE Renewables and Equinor, with first power expected in 2023. The contract award is subject to Dogger Bank A and B reaching Financial Close, which is expected in late 2020.



Photo caption: The construction of OHT's Alfa Lift is progressing well at China Merchant Heavy Industries fabrication yard in Jiangsu Province, China. **Photo source:** OHT

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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 FTSE-listed 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 487MW across two offshore joint venture sites, Beatrice and Greater Gabbard, both of which it operates on behalf of its asset partners. SSE Renewables has the largest offshore wind development pipeline in the UK and Ireland at over 6GW and has an onshore wind pipeline across both markets in excess of 1GW.

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.

About OHT

OHT is a specialist transport and installation (T&I) contractor and vessel owner-operator, with a leading environmental focus and a best for project approach.

In 2021, OHT will welcome the addition of a new heavy lift installation vessel to their fleet. The innovative Alfa Lift will be the world's largest and most efficient foundation T&I vessel, custom built for installing XXL monopiles and jackets.

OHT have also recently announced the addition of two GustoMSC designed NG-14000XL-G jack-up installation vessels to their offshore wind T&I fleet. The first will be delivered in early 2023. The jack-ups will be capable of installing the next generations of Wind Turbine Generators (WTG's).

As one of the most experienced heavy transport vessel operators in the world and a leading provider of highly engineered marine transportation solutions, OHT serve clients from a wide range of industries including oil & gas, offshore wind and marine infrastructure. They have transported well over a hundred jack-up drilling rigs for the majority of rig-owners in the world. Handling oversized and challenging cargoes is OHT's trademark.

It is this strong track record, together with their innovative approach, inhouse engineering, and project expertise, that underpins OHT's entry into the offshore wind installation market.

OHT's unrivalled fleet of installation vessels will soon start work on the world's largest offshore wind farms, building a more sustainable future for the generations to come.