

Press Release

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Siemens Gamesa to install two large onshore wind farm projects in South Africa

- Siemens Gamesa will supply two wind farms with a combined capacity of 250 MW
- Installation of 109 units of wind turbines will commence in 2018 with completion scheduled for 2020.

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) will supply two wind farms in South Africa including 109 units of onshore wind turbines. The SWT-2.3-108 turbine will each feature a rated capacity of 2.3 MW and a 108 meters diameter rotor.

While the 140 MW Kangnas wind farm project is located near Springbok in the Northern Cape, another 110 MW Perdekraal East wind farm is situated 80km northeast of Ceres in the Western Cape. A 10 year full service agreement will secure the performance of the wind farms, which will together supply enough clean electricity for approximately 214.000 South African homes.

A consortium led by Mainstream Renewable Power was awarded the contracts¹ for the wind farms by the Department of Energy in South Africa as part of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Procurement Programme (REIPPPP). While Siemens Gamesa will start the supply of the wind turbines early 2019, the wind farm's completion is planned for 2020.

"This is the next big milestone for Siemens Gamesa in South Africa and with adding these two wind farms, Siemens Gamesa will have installed more than 850MW of wind capacity in the country" says Janek Winand, Managing Director Siemens Gamesa South Africa. "We are proud to offer services with a localized team based in Johannesburg with long lasting experience and determined to generate value for South Africa by creating jobs, supporting local manufacturing and driving development projects within local communities" he adds. Present in South Africa since 2014, the accumulated base installed by Siemens Gamesa accounts today 324 MW of rated capacity, and two wind projects totaling 280 MW under construction.

Owner of the wind farms is the Mainstream Renewable Power consortium. Mainstream is an independent global developer of renewable energy based in Dublin, Ireland, with offices in 7 countries around the globe with one of their largest in Cape Town, South Africa. Siemens Gamesa has already delivered several projects to Mainstream in the past with a total of 498 MW. The first 138 MW were supplied for the Jeffreys Bay wind farm in 2014, another 80 MW for Noupport wind farm in 2016 and in 2017 a total of 280 MW were commissioned for Loeriesfontein and Khobab wind farms counting 140 MW each. Siemens Gamesa secured full service agreements of 10 years for Noupport, Khobab and Loeriesfontein and 5 years for Jeffreys Bay.

"We are very proud to have won further projects, part of the ambitious renewable energy program of South Africa in line with the national commitment to transition to a low carbon economy", says Enrique Pedrosa, CEO Onshore for South Europe and Africa at Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy. "We are strongly committed to continuously support the country on its path to provide more and more Africans with clean energy and will do everything to contribute to its socio-economic and environmentally sustainable growth".

¹ Contracts signed between April and June 2018.

Siemens Gamesa in Africa

Siemens Gamesa is market leader in Africa, with over 15 years of experience and more than 2,220 MW installed base in countries such as Algeria, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritania, Mauritius Islands, Morocco, South Africa or Tunisia.

Additionally, the establishment of the Siemens Gamesa blade factory in Tangier (Morocco) end of 2017 represents a major commitment to the sustainable future of the entire region, being the first blade plant of a wind turbine manufacturer in Africa and the Middle East. The plant is ready to deliver blades to Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

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About Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

Siemens Gamesa is a global leader in the wind power industry, with a strong presence in all facets of the wind business: offshore (#1), onshore (#2) and services (#2). In 2017, the company placed first on the turbine OEM ranking compiled by Make Consultancy with a market share of over 17%.

Through its advanced digital capabilities, the company offers one of the broadest product portfolios in the industry as well as industry-leading service solutions, helping to make clean energy more affordable and reliable. With 85 GW installed worldwide, Siemens Gamesa manufactures, installs and maintains wind turbines in the onshore and offshore segments. Its order backlog stands at €22 billion. The company is headquartered in Spain and listed on the Spanish stock exchange (traded in the Ibex-35 index).

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