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SIEMENS AND GAMESA MERGE WIND BUSINESSES TO CREATE LEADING WIND POWER PLAYER



Siemens and Gamesa recently signed binding agreements to merge Siemens' wind power and services business with Gamesa to create a leading global wind power player. Siemens will receive newly issued shares of the combined company and will hold 59 percent of the share capital

while Gamesa's existing shareholders will hold 41 percent. As a part of the merger, Siemens will fund a cash payment of €3.75 per share, which will be distributed to Gamesa's shareholders (excluding Siemens) immediately following the completion of the merger (net of any ordi-

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nary dividends paid until completion of the merger). The cash payment represents 26 percent of Gamesa's unaffected share price at market close on January 28, 2016.

Additionally, Gamesa and Areva have entered into contractual agreements whereby Areva waives existing contractual restrictions in Gamesa's and Areva's offshore wind joint venture Adwen, simplifying the merger between Gamesa and Siemens. As a part of these agreements, Gamesa — in alignment with Siemens — grants Areva a put option for Areva's 50 percent stake and a call option for Gamesa's 50 percent stake in Adwen. Both options will expire three months after the deal is made. Alternatively, Areva can divest 100 percent of Adwen to a third party via a drag-along right for Gamesa's stake.

The new company, which will be consolidated in Siemens' financial statements, is expected to have a 69-GW installed base worldwide, an order backlog of around €20 billion, revenue of €9.3 billion, and an adjusted EBIT of €839 million. The combined company will have its global headquarters in Spain and will remain listed in Spain. The onshore headquarters will be located in Spain, while the offshore headquarters will reside in Hamburg, Germany, and Vejle, Denmark.

"The merger with Siemens constitutes recognition for the work performed by the company in recent years and evidences our commitment to generating value in the long term by creating significant synergies and extending the horizon of our profitable growth," said Ignacio Martín, executive chairman and CEO of Gamesa. "Today, we are embarking on a new era, creating, alongside Siemens, a world-leading wind player. We will continue to work as before, albeit as part of a stronger company and with an enhanced ability to offer all of our customers end-to-end solutions."

The two businesses are highly complementary in terms of their global footprints, existing product portfolios, and technologies. The combined business will have a global reach across all key regions and manufacturing footprints in all continents. Siemens' wind power business has a strong foothold in North America and Northern Europe, and Gamesa is well-positioned in fast-growing emerging markets, such as India and Latin America, and in

Southern Europe. Further, the transaction will result in a product offering covering all wind classes and addressing all key market segments to better serve customers' needs.

"The combination of our wind business with Gamesa follows a clear and compelling industrial logic in an attractive growth industry, in which scale is a key to making renewable energy more cost-effective," said Joe Kaeser, president and CEO of Siemens AG. "With this business combination, we can provide even greater opportunities to the customers and value to the shareholders of the new company. The combined business will fit right into our Siemens Vision 2020 and underlines our commitment to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy supply."

Siemens and Gamesa expect significant synergy potentials in a combined setup. In total, annual EBIT synergies of €230 million are expected in year four post closing.

"As a leading wind power player especially in emerging markets, Gamesa is a perfect partner for us," said Lisa Davis, member of the managing board of Siemens AG. "Teaming up will enable Siemens and Gamesa to offer a much broader range of products, services, and solutions to meet customer requirements. The move will put Siemens and Gamesa in the best position to shape the industry for lower cost of renewable energy to the consumers."

The merger is unanimously supported by Gamesa's board of directors and Siemens' supervisory board. Iberdrola has entered into a shareholders agreement with Siemens and will hold approximately 8 percent in the combined company after closing of the transaction. The transaction is subject to the approval by Gamesa's shareholders and to other customary conditions such as merger control clearances and the confirmation by the Spanish stock market regulator (CNMV) that no mandatory takeover bid has to be launched by Siemens following completion of the merger. Supervision of the merger process has been entrusted by Gamesa to a merger committee created ad hoc, which will be made up exclusively of independent directors. Closing is expected in the first quarter of calendar year 2017. ↘

Source: Gamesa

For more information, go to www.gamesacorpc.com.

GE EXPANDS ONSHORE WIND PORTFOLIO WITH NORTH AMERICAN VERSION OF NEW 3.4-MW WIND TURBINES

GE Renewable Energy recently introduced a North American version of its new 3-MW wind turbine platform in advance of the American Wind Energy Association's (AWEA) Windpower 2016 event in New Orleans. The turbine platform, which first debuted in Europe last

November, now includes a new 60-Hz version of the 3.4-MW machine with a rotor diameter of 130 meters or 137 meters.

This announcement follows the recent success of GE's 2-MW wind platform, which was introduced a year ago



GE Renewable Energy

at AWEA’s 2015 Windpower event. The new 2-MW machines began shipping late last year and recorded more than a gigawatt of orders in the United States throughout the first quarter of 2016.

“We were pleased to see strong orders when we launched our new 2-MW machines, and the addition of a 3-MW option gives our customers more flexibility for land-constrained areas and regions with complex geographies throughout North America,” said Anne Mentee, president and CEO of GE’s Onshore Wind business. “We now have a comprehensive technology portfolio capable of meeting a wide variety of wind conditions across the continent.”

The 3.4-130 model sits at a tower height of 85 meters, while the 3.4-137 reaches 110 meters. The machines represent GE’s most powerful onshore wind turbines offered to date, with the 3.4-137 capable of providing up to 24 percent higher output than existing technology.

For the North American version of GE Renewable Energy’s new 3-MW wind turbine platform, the 3.4-130 model sits at a tower height of 85 meters, while the 3.4-137 climbs to 110 meters.

In addition, the new 3-MW machines feature the software analytics capabilities of GE’s Digital Wind Farm, which uses a virtual modeling system to enhance individual turbine configuration and site layout, aiming to capture more energy production from each site’s unique wind conditions. It is powered by the Predix software platform, the foundation for all of GE’s Industrial Internet applications.

GE’s 3-MW turbines are configurable to meet IEC class IIIA, IIB, and IIIB wind conditions. ↪

Source: GE Renewables

For more information, go to www.gerenewableenergy.com.

INOX WIND WINS 100-MW ORDER FROM LEADING RENEWABLE ENERGY IPP

Inox Wind Limited recently announced that it has won two orders for a cumulative capacity of 100 MW from one of India’s leading renewable energy independent power producers (IPPS). The turnkey orders comprise of a 50-MW project to be set up in Gujarat and a 50-MW project to be set up in Madhya Pradesh. Once commissioned, the projects will provide power to approximately 50,000 households, curtail approximately 0.15 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually, and further consolidate Inox Wind’s leading position in the two states.

As a part of the turnkey projects, Inox Wind will provide end-to-end solutions from development and construction to commissioning and providing long-term operations and maintenance services. The orders involve the supply and installation of 25 units of Inox Wind’s 100-meter rotor diameter wind turbine generator (WTG) for the Gujarat project and 25 units of the company’s 113-meter rotor diameter WTG for the Madhya Pradesh project. The 113-meter rotor diameter WTG is the newest variant of the company’s market-leading

2-MW platform and has been tested to have one of the highest generation performance per kilowatt of all WTG variants available in India.

Inox Wind offers its clients total wind power solutions, including wind resource assessment, acquiring land, developing the entire site infrastructure, building the power evacuation system, supplying the WTGs, erection and commissioning services, long-term operations and maintenance services, and post-commissioning support.

“These orders have further boosted Inox’s strong order book with major IPPs in India,” said Kailash Tarachandani, CEO of Inox Wind Limited. “Orders from a leading renewable energy IPP prove the competitiveness of wind power in the states of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and ensure that Inox Wind continues to play a key role in further developing the wind energy industry in the two states.”

Source: Inox Wind Limited

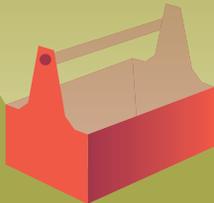
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