



THANET OFFSHORE WIND FARM

SIEMENS/PRYSMIAN - PREFERRED ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER

The Thanet Offshore Wind Limited, a subsidiary of, Warwick Energy Limited has chosen a consortium of Siemens and Prysmian as the preferred supplier of cables and electrical equipment for the M Thanet project.

The Siemens Prysmian consortium will provide the necessary equipment ready for installation in and in no more than 12 months on detailed designs and programme for the project.

The award to Siemens Prysmian consortium is subject to the finalisation and agreement on the detailed terms and conditions. Full contract signature is dependent amongst other things on receipt of developer consent and other project, i.e. any Applications for consent for the project are submitted in November and are still under consideration.

These were chosen as the preferred turbine supplier in July and SLP were chosen as preferred supplier for the Foundations in September. This selection of electrical contractor completes the supplier identification for the full range of equipment required for the scheme.

NOTES TO ENCL 1

On 12 July 2011, British Energy announced plans to develop an offshore wind farm more than 100 miles to the North East of the Humber coast in East Angles. The company received exclusive rights to the site under an agreement with the Crown Estate. The project would include up to 100 wind turbines generating enough electricity to supply 100,000 homes with green electricity.

During 2010 and 2011, British Energy conducted a large number of surveys and studies on the site consistent with the Scoping Report submitted in July 2010. The results of these studies formed the basis for the Environmental Statement ES that accompanied the application for consents.

The public consultations conducted in June 2010 were attended by 70 people of whom 40 returned questionnaires either at the consultations or afterwards by post which provided feedback to the schemes shown. Of the responses received, 60% were strongly supportive of the proposed scheme, 20% were undecided, 10% were against and 10% were strongly against. An analysis of the reasons given for being against the project revealed that most were based on the potential for noise and risk to property of the turbines from the shore or the potential impact on the local bird population. The ES demonstrated that any impact in these areas is a consequence of the development and negligible.

It is expected that electricity generation from offshore wind farms such as this one will make a significant contribution towards the Government's target of producing 15% of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2020. The project will avoid CO₂ emissions of between 100,000 and 150,000 tonnes per year depending on whether the electricity produced displaces gas or coal-fired generation.

British Energy's wind farm project in East Angles is one of the projects announced by the Crown Estate in July 2010 as part of the second National Round of offshore wind projects. Other Round 2 projects being proposed by other companies in the Humber area are those called London Array and Greater Gt Ouse. The British Energy wind farm off Humber is also included in the list of the first Round of demonstration wind farm projects launched by the Crown Estate in February 2010.

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