



Schaaf AG expands in Asia and the USA

 In December 2008, the steel fabrication company Schaaf Industrie AG laid the first foundation stone for the group's biggest tubular wind turbine tower factory on the Suez Canal in Egypt. Now the company also wants to expand into South-East Asia.

The firm plans to build a further tubular tower works near to the Vietnamese capital Hanoi, using a land area of 55,000 m². Here 1,000 tower segments will be produced per year. In addition, from 2010 onwards Schaaf intends to construct 400 machine carriers per year in a new factory in India. This year, the company wants to meet the increasing demand for tubular steel towers in the USA with a new location in the east of the country.

Suzlon raises stake in Repower to 76 %

 Indian manufacturer Suzlon Energy Ltd. has completed the payment of € 30 million for the second tranche of Martifer Group's stake in the German Repower AG on 30th April. The transaction increases Suzlon's holding in Repower to 76 %. Suzlon already controls 91 % of the voting rights in Repower through an existing agreement with Martifer.

In December 2008 Suzlon and Martifer entered into an agreement on a revised payment schedule for Martifer's 22.4 % stake in Repower. The first tranche was acquired in December by a payment of € 65 million, the second followed in April. The final tranche will be completed in May by a payment of € 175 million.


Plan 8 to build wind farms in Chile

 The Germany company Plan 8 GmbH wants to construct wind farms with a total capacity of 320 MW at three locations in Chile.

The company from Eckernförde says that it has already secured 2,800 ha of land. The projects will be carried out in Chile by the newly founded company Plan 8 Energia Infinita Ltda., of which two Chilean partners own 5 % in total. The remaining 95 % stake is owned by Dirk Jesaitis, who is also the sole Managing Director and owner of Plan 8.

The first wind farms from Plan 8 in Chile should go on-grid in 2011 at the latest.

RWE acquires an interest in Thornton Bank

 The energy group has taken over around 20 % of the shares in the company C-Power NV from the Belgian town of Zwiendrecht. C-Power is developing and building the offshore wind farm Thornton Bank.

The wind farm is the first on the Belgian coast to have completed approval procedures. According to RWE, the necessary grid connection is also already ensured. RWE has taken over the shares from the Belgian investment company Ecotec Finance, and Socofe from Liège, and has also bought a further 6.5 % of C-Power from

other shareholders. For Fritz Vahrenholt, CEO of RWE Innogy, participation in Thornton Bank is an opportunity to significantly extend the company's experience in the offshore sector.

After its completion, the wind farm will have a capacity of 300 MW and will produce around 1,000 GWh of electricity annually – enough to supply about 600,000 people with energy. Thornton Bank will be equipped with 60 turbines of the 5 MW class. The first six of these have already been installed in a pilot phase. By 2013, four further project phases will follow.

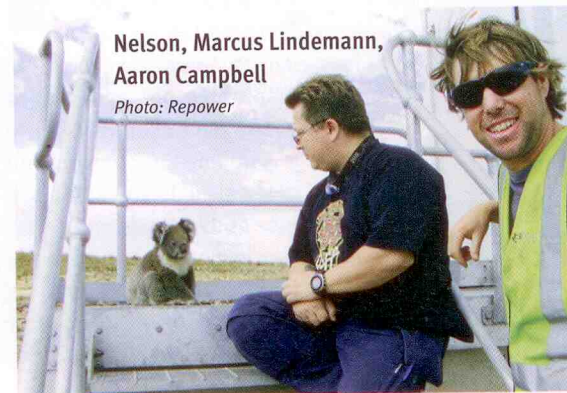


The Belgian offshore wind farm Thornton Bank: six Repower turbines with a capacity of 5 MW each have already been erected.

Photo: Jan Oelker

Koala discovers wind energy

 At the Cape Nelson South wind farm in the Australian state of Victoria, a Repower MM82 turbine was recently visited by one of the country's cuddly national animals. The Service Technicians Marcus Lindemann and Aaron Campbell (from left) gave the guest the name "Nelson". The wind farm, with 23 Repower turbines and a total capacity of 44 MW, will be completed in the middle of this year.



Nelson, Marcus Lindemann, Aaron Campbell

Photo: Repower

Sowitec and Enel to cooperate in Chile

 Sowitec Energias Renovables and Enel Latin America want to install a total of 850 MW of wind energy capacity in the South American country. The two companies have signed a contract for the development of seven wind energy projects in the northern and central regions of Chile. Under the terms of the contract, the Chilean subsidiary of the German project developer Sowitec International

GmbH has transferred exclusive rights to Enel.

As a result, Enel has the right to purchase the wind farms when they are completed. Installations from 60 to 150 MW are planned for the individual projects. The locations are in both the northern network and the central power grid.