

## Press release

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### **AkzoNobel supplies protective coatings for major North Sea wind farm**

One of the largest clean energy projects in Europe is benefiting from coatings technology supplied by AkzoNobel. The company's products are helping to protect the Gode Wind offshore wind farm near the German North Sea coast.

AkzoNobel is supplying products from its International<sup>®</sup> protective coatings range for the wind turbine foundation transition pieces being made in Denmark by Bladt Industries, and for the monopiles being fabricated in Germany by EEW. Developed by Dong Energy, the wind farm will generate enough electricity to supply 600,000 German households.

"The relationship between AkzoNobel and Bladt was key in helping us to secure the project," said Clare McDermott, Business Development Manager – Wind Energy at AkzoNobel's Protective Coatings business. "We have worked together on a number of recent North Sea projects, including Borkum Riffgrund in Germany and Westermost Rough in the UK."

This latest deal underlines AkzoNobel's position as the leading provider of protective coatings for the offshore wind power industry. More than 55 percent of global offshore wind capacity uses AkzoNobel coatings, including projects in China and Japan. The company's coatings are protecting more than 1,000 offshore wind turbine foundations, including those of the London Array, the world's largest offshore wind project.

Commenting on the announcement, Mauricio Bannwart, Managing Director of AkzoNobel's Protective Coatings business, said: "We are extremely pleased to have been selected for this key energy project. The deal reflects our strength in developing strong relationships with wind farm owners and fabricators, as well as the proven performance of our products in protecting wind farms in the harsh offshore environment."

The first foundations for the Gode Wind development were recently installed, with the project due to be completed in 2016.

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