

Press Release

WINDFORCE 2012
Bremen

8. WAB Offshore Conference **26–28 June**
NEW! International Trade Fair **26–29 June**

WINDFORCE 2012 – over 100 exhibitors from Germany and abroad

ALSTOM and General Cable are the event's major sponsors

Bremen, 5 March 2012. The strong tailwind behind WINDFORCE at the start of 2012 continues unabated – in less than four weeks the number of exhibitors registered for Germany's first-ever offshore wind energy trade fair has doubled to over 100. At the start of February, event organisers had already registered a total of 50 exhibitors.

Along with industry giants such as WeserWind Offshore Construction Georgsmarienhütte, BLG Logistics Solutions, wpd offshore solutions or EnBW Erneuerbare Energien, numerous small businesses and start-ups will also be presenting themselves at WINDFORCE. "We're aiming to showcase in Bremen the full range of expertise of Germany's offshore wind energy industry", says Jens Eckhoff, managing director of the Offshore Wind Messe- und Veranstaltungen GmbH. "The signals coming in from abroad are also extremely positive".

A Norwegian delegation of 15 companies, for example, is presenting itself on a joint stand covering more than 100 square metres. The Scandinavians have a long offshore tradition and have successfully mastered the transfer of know-how from oil and gas exploitation at sea to offshore wind energy. Visitors to the WINDFORCE trade fair will be able to convince themselves of this with a visit to the joint stand manned by INTPOW, the Norwegian network. Amongst the co-exhibitors are AAK, UMOE and Ingenium.

Major sponsors of WINDFORCE 2012 in place

Together with the rising number of registrations for the trade fair, the organisers have another positive piece of news to report – the major sponsors for this year's WINDFORCE event are ALSTOM Grid and General Cable. These companies are investing their facilities and products in Germany's energy turnaround at sea, and putting down a clear marker of their commitment ahead of an international offshore wind energy fair.

"We're pleased to have committed partners who believe in our concept and who want to go to the next level with us", said Ronny Meyer, managing director of the Wind Energy Agency WAB, of the collaboration. Having them as major sponsors, both specialists in offshore electrical power transmission, means that WINDFORCE is able to underline at the same time the thematic focus of the conference. "In 2012 we're devoting ourselves in particular to logistics and grid connection", Meyer added.

Bookings for exhibition space at WINDFORCE are being taken up until 15 May 2012. The Offshore Wind Messe- und Veranstaltungen GmbH is pleased to provide information about special offers and other features to interested businesses. For more information, please visit www.windforce2012.com.

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From 26 to 29 June 2012, WINDFORCE will be taking place in Bremen for the first time. The event, which has developed out of the former WINDFORCE – DIRECTION OFFSHORE industry conference, comprises Germany's first offshore wind energy fair (26-29 June 2012) and its most important and well-established offshore conference. The organisers are the Wind Energy Agency WAB and the Offshore Wind Messe- und Veranstaltungen GmbH.

Further information about exhibitor space, the programme and prices can be found on the Internet at www.windforce2012.com.

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