

Netherlands' largest onshore windfarm contracts Enercon's new EP3 turbines

Farmer community organizes itself largest windfarm

Zeewolde, the Netherlands - Wind Park Zeewolde B.V. has concluded a 320MW turbine contract with Enercon to realize the largest onshore wind farm in the Netherlands. It concerns the contracting of Enercon's new EP3 type turbines.

WPZ has contracted 74 turbines of the new EP3 platform and 9 turbines of the existing EP2 for an undisclosed contract sum. The largest EP3 turbines are 4.2 MW and have a tip height of 220 meter. It's the first time in the Netherlands that this new type of wind turbine will be built on such a large scale. Next to the turbines sales contract a long-term Operations and Maintenance contract is closed.

"We have selected Enercon based on the yield of the EP3 turbines, the good availability of the construction crews and the track record of partnership" says WPZ BV Managing Director Sjoerd Sieburgh Sjoerdsma.

"The new EP3 platform machines represent a next stage in the evolution of ENERCON's wind energy converter design. They are compact and efficient with consistently optimised processes – from production, transport and logistics to installation. These are the key characteristics of the new WEC generation ENERCON has designed in response to new market requirements worldwide" says ENERCON Sales Manager Martin Eggen.

Next to the turbine contract WPZ has contracted its Balance of Plant contract, its power purchase agreement and its operational contract with other parties. With all necessary contracts closed WPZ will start building the first roads and foundations in half a year's time. That is before the financing from the banks is arranged. An investment in a transformer station was already made last month. These early investments are therefore at expense and risk of the farming community showing the confidence the farming community holds in the realization of the wind farm.

The large scale construction of the windfarm starts after bank financing. Bank financing is expected to be closed by the end of this year. The windfarm will be ready at the end of 2021. It will then be the largest onshore windfarm in the Netherlands.

Note for editors

Wind Park Zeewolde B.V. is the property of a unique collaboration of more than 200 farmers, residents and mill owners in the outer rural region of the town of Zeewolde, the Netherlands. In the project area of more than 300 square kilometers, more than 90% of farmers, residents and windmill owners are already shareholder. Together they form the largest farmers / civil wind cooperative in Europe. With 320 MW, it is also the largest onshore wind project in the Netherlands. The current 220 scattered windmills make way for 91 larger, more modern windmills. The new windmills will generate almost three times more energy than the current windmills. For more information, visit www.windparkzeewolde.nl

About Enercon

ENERCON is a leading international wind turbine manufacturer based in Aurich, Germany. The company was founded in 1984, and is active in more than 30 countries. As the market leader in technology and quality, ENERCON is known for its innovative direct drive drive concept and for the most extensive patent portfolio in the wind sector. ENERCON is also a system supplier for sustainable energy and supports its customers in overcoming the energy challenges of the future. ENERCON has installed more than 29,200 wind turbines to date, with a total power generation capacity of more than 50 gigawatts, of which 1365 MW in the Netherlands

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