



Technip awarded the substructure contract for the first offshore floating wind turbine

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Technip has been awarded by StatoilHydro an engineering, procurement, construction and installation (EPCI) contract for the Hywind project substructure wind turbine which will be located offshore Karmøy, Norway, at a water depth of 200-220 meters. It will be the world's first full scale offshore floating wind turbine.

This floating demonstration wind turbine will have a tower height of around 65 meters and a blade diameter of around 82 meters, i.e. a total unit height of around 106 meters above sea-level. The substructure will be shaped like a vertical floating cylinder, with a draft of around 100 meters below sea-level. The unit will have a peak production capacity of 2.3MW.

Technip's operating center in Oslo, Norway, will perform the project management and installation engineering. Detail design and fabrication of the steel substructure will be carried out at Technip's yard in Pori, Finland, one of the Group's construction sites. The substructure will then be towed to the west coast of Norway, where it will be assembled with the topside. Installation of the wind turbine is scheduled for mid-2009.

Combining technologies from wind energy and the offshore industry, this project represents an important breakthrough for the development of new and renewable offshore energy solutions.

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The Group's main operating centers and business units are located in France, Italy, Germany, the UK, Norway, Finland, the Netherlands, the USA, Brazil, Abu-Dhabi, China, India, Malaysia and Australia.

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