

Green light for Ørsted O&M base in Vlissingen

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Ørsted has received permits to build its operations and maintenance (O&M) facility for the Borssele 1+2 offshore wind farm in Vlissingen-Buitenhaven in North Sea Port. Earlier this year a lease agreement for the land and marine infrastructure in the harbour has been signed with North Sea Port. A letter of intent had already been entered into during summer 2017. Wind farm Borssele 1+2 has a capacity of 752 MW and will be located 23 kilometres from the coast of Westkappele.

Claus Bøjle Møller, senior programme director for Borssele 1+2: "Signing the agreement with North Sea Port and getting the permits for our base are two important milestones for Borssele 1+2. We look forward to coming to the Vlissingen harbour. I am convinced that we in Vlissingen-Buitenhaven get an excellent base for construction management and O&M of our wind farm."



Jasper Vis, country manager Netherlands for Ørsted: "From the start of the project, we have felt very welcome in the province of Zeeland and feel supported by the regional and local authorities. The Vlissingen harbour has an excellent infrastructure and strong track record in offshore wind. Zeeland had identified offshore wind as an economic opportunity. We are happy to join the regional business community and look forward to the cooperation with local and regional partners."

John de Jonge, alderman of the municipality of Vlissingen: "Ørsted's choice for the Vlissingen-Buitenhaven confirms Vlissingen's leading position in the construction and maintenance of offshore wind farms. Our strategic location and our maritime knowledge and skills make us a natural centre in the North Sea area for this new industry. I welcome Ørsted and its partners warmly to our city, so close to the sea."

"North Sea Port is already looking forward to the arrival of the base for the construction and maintenance of the Borssele 1+2 wind farm. With this investment, Ørsted provides additional jobs in the offshore sector. The base will definitely create a lot of added value," says Jan Lagasse, CEO of North Sea Port.

Jo-Annes de Bat, vice-governor Province of Zeeland: "We are happy that Ørsted can start with the construction of their base in Zeeland. A new economy will be visible: working on offshore wind farms. Especially in Zeeland we have space for these new activities."

Key facts operations and maintenance facility:

- The total size of the facility building is approximately 2,100 m²
- Start construction: planned in Q4 2018
- Number of employees: 50-100 when operational
- Number of CTV's: max. 4
- Activities: coordination construction wind farm; management, coordination and planning of offshore maintenance activities; preparation for offshore activities; preparation and loading of 'Crew Transport Vessels' (CTV); small mechanical works; boarding of technicians on the CTVs and sailing away; warehouse logistics. Sustainability: the building will generate more electricity than it consumes and will thus be a net producer of renewable energy.
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