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New Vestas project on Sicily – the isle of wind

Annual savings to the environment of almost 60,000 tons of CO₂ thanks to a new 40 MW order in Sicily to be realised with Vestas turbines.

The developer of the project is Asja Ambiente Italia Spa, a well known Italian company operating in the field of development and production of energy from renewable sources.

The new project includes supply, transportation and installation of a total of 47 units of the V52-850 kW turbine. The turbines will be supplied to three wind power plants in Sicily; one to be located in Alia Sclafani Bagni, a village near Palermo city, and the two others to be located in the villages of Fumosa and Guarine near Trapani city.

Asja Ambiente Italia Spa is already a customer of Vestas and Vestas has previously supplied 19 units of the V52-850 kW turbine to them for the two Sicilian wind power plants of Marsala and Buseto Palizzolo near Trapani city.

Supply of the turbines will begin in June 2006, and the three wind power plants will be in operation by the end of this year.

Due to its great wind potential, the isle of Sicily still remains one of Italy's main areas for wind installations. When completed, the three wind power plants are estimated to be able to satisfy the annual energy needs of more than 35,000 Italian families.

The three wind power plants will be awarded the EMAS registration, responding to the ambitious will of Vestas and Asja Ambiente Italia Spa to guarantee the respect of the EMAS environmental requirements in all phases in the realisation of the project.

"In accordance with our values, the three wind power plants will be realised in full respect of the landscape and the nearby natural environment", says Paolo Tabarelli, President of Vestas Mediterranean East A/S and Managing Director of Vestas Italia.

"Furthermore, we are proud to confirm that the V52 turbines chosen for this project are all produced in our factories in Taranto, employing the best technicians and using local expertise within the field of wind power," Tabarelli concludes.



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Vestas Italia

Vestas Italia is Vestas' Italian subsidiary, located in Taranto, operating in sales, installation, service and maintenance of wind power systems in the Italian market. Vestas Italia belongs to Vestas Mediterranean East, the strategic business unit of Vestas responsible for the markets of Italy, Greece, the south Balkans and the Middle East.

The Vestas production facility in Taranto has been producing Vestas wind turbines since 1998. The factory has an annual capacity of 400 turbines and is currently the only Vestas location producing the V52-850 kW turbines for the global market and it is also the only production facility of wind turbines in Italy.

In Italy, Vestas directly employs more than 500 people and the employment generated by Vestas' activities is estimated to be around 2,000 people.

Vestas always applies the highest quality standards and has obtained ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certifications.

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