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Global Wind Energy Industry Leader Vestas at Global Windpower Exhibition 2008 in Beijing

Vestas, the world's leading wind energy company, is actively taking part in the Global Windpower Exhibition 2008 in Beijing by outlining its strong track record, long history in China and its significant expertise in offshore energy, grid management and connectivity and local supply chain development.

Taking place at the New China International Exhibition Center in Beijing, Global Windpower is China's most important wind energy industry event and features conferences, technical sessions and product exhibitions that bring together key industry players in China and globally.

Global Windpower's position as a leading platform for knowledge-sharing is underlined by Vestas' presentations at the event: Vestas China Managing Director Lars Andersen will present on the company's extensive experience as a manufacturer in China, Vestas Offshore Senior Sales Manager Kim Hougaard will present on why Vestas is the global leader in offshore wind energy and Electrical Manager James Xue will present on grid connection technology.

"Vestas China is proud to be participating in Global Windpower 2008," said Lars Andersen. "As the global leader in wind energy, Vestas has considerable expertise and experience to share with China. Vestas recognizes our obligation to help develop China in a sustainable manner and to support the development of the national wind energy – and we intend to becoming increasing active in building new partnerships and starting new dialogues."

Vestas is contributing to China's energy security and energy diversity through providing wind turbines, but is also active in other areas: it has initiated a joint research program with Tsinghua University and is sponsoring a Green Power educational program in 11 top-quality universities across the country. Vestas provides its expertise to support the development of a modern electricity grid in China and is contributing to strategies for reducing of CO₂ emissions through its active contribution to a joint Danish–Chinese climate change program.

Vestas is working hard to build up a strong value chain in China that can fully support the construction of wind turbines from its factories in Tianjin, Xuzhou and Hohhot. Every year, Vestas improves its Chinese sourcing capabilities; its turbines currently have more than 80 per cent Chinese-made content and we are aiming for 100 per cent Chinese-made content. Vestas is known for its industry-leading product quality; all of its suppliers in China are part of a partnership designed to increase product quality and performance and enable suppliers to become globally-competitive. In 2008, one of Vestas Chinese suppliers was awarded the Vestas Global Suppliers' Award for its performance and high product quality.

"Vestas sees China as the most important developing wind energy market in the world," said Andersen. "We intend to be a key partner of China as it develops into the largest market and the epicentre of the global wind energy industry."

The conference starts today and closes on Friday, October 27. Vestas invites the media to visit its booth in Hall 1 E1, stand number A1.

About Vestas

Everyday, Vestas wind turbines deliver clean energy that supports the global fight against climate change. Wind power from Vestas turbines currently reduces carbon emissions by more than 40 million tons of CO₂ every year, while at the same time building energy security and independence.

Vestas is the world leader in wind technology, with a history of technological innovation and over 30 years of experience in developing, manufacturing, installing and maintaining the world's best-performing wind turbines. Vestas was a pioneer in the wind industry and started to manufacture wind turbines in 1979. In 1987, the company began to concentrate exclusively on wind energy.

Vestas was the first wind turbine company to enter the Chinese market when it installed the first turbines in Shandong and Hainan in 1986. Vestas has installed wind turbines in thirteen provinces in China, from Guangdong in the south to Heilongjiang, Liaoning, and Inner Mongolia in the north to Xinjiang in the west and Zhejiang and Fujian in the east.

Vestas is among the biggest accumulated suppliers of wind turbines in China. Vestas has five factories in Tianjin, a sales office in Beijing, a procurement office in Shanghai and is currently constructing additional facilities in Hohhot and Xuzhou.

Wind energy is the most effective clean energy for China's energy needs because:

1. It can compete with fossil energy sources
2. It is an unlimited resource.
3. It contributes to China's energy security.
4. It makes it possible to establish a large volume of energy generation in a relatively short time.
5. It is a very low-carbon source of energy that makes a positive contribution to a country's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, to carbon abatement and to water consumption (as wind energy uses much less water than other major energy sources such as coal and natural gas)

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