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Vestas ramps up production and R&D coast to coast in the US

To meet the demands of the American market, Vestas, the world's largest manufacturer of wind turbines, rapidly expands in the USA. This has so far created more than 1,200 jobs in all areas including engineering, service and skilled labour. The number is expected to climb to more than 4,000 by the end of 2010, if President Barack Obama's Recovery and Reinvestment Plan is carried out as intended and leading to the expected impact.

"This of course strengthens our positive outlook for the long-term growth prospects in the American market and our ability to grow a strong, local supply chain," says Jens Søby, President of Vestas Americas A/S.

In 2008, Vestas opened its first manufacturing facility in Windsor, Colorado – creating 650 local jobs. The blade factory in Windsor will in 2009 and 2010 see the addition of another three factories, a second blade factory, a nacelle assembly factory, and a tower factory, to be built in Brighton and Pueblo, Colorado. By the end of 2010, Vestas' manufacturing capacity in the U.S. will exceed 1,400 nacelles, 900 towers and 4,000 blades.

Right now, Vestas Technology R&D is building up its US centre in Houston, Texas and establishing a R&D hub in Boston, Massachusetts. The Brighton, Colorado, facility will also serve as an R&D centre.

To establish a complete supply chain for its new nacelle assembly factory in Brighton, Colorado, which is expected to reach full capacity in 2010, Vestas Nacelles has also opened a purchasing office in Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago purchasing office allows Vestas to be close to the extensive northeast network of suppliers.

"Vestas is developing its US supply chain in areas such as castings, metal fabrication, composites, gears, bearings and all electro mechanical components. The continued implementation of LEAN principles in our supply chain drives us in the direction of using highly competent local suppliers. We are here to build a long lasting relationships, Søren Husted, President of Vestas Nacelles, explains."

The parent company of Vestas Americas, Vestas Wind Systems A/S, listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen, will present its annual report for 2008 to investors, analysts and the press in New York City, New York on February 11, 2009.



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With a 23 per cent global market share in 2007, Vestas is the world's leading supplier of modern energy solutions. The company's core business comprises the development, manufacture, sale and maintenance of wind technology that uses wind energy to generate electricity. Vestas has installed more than 35,500 wind turbines in 63 countries, and has a track record of installing more than 9,600 wind turbines on American soil.