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Vestas to strengthen dialogue with energy policymakers

Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the world's largest manufacturer of wind turbines, has signed on a Vice President for Governmental Relations. Based in Copenhagen, the new Vice President will head up and extend Vestas' dialogue with politicians, public officials and the wind power lobby around the world.

Vestas, the wind turbine manufacturer headquartered in Randers, Denmark, now adds a small Copenhagen office to its Danish organisation. This is an integral part of the Group strategy The Will to Win, which also aims at strengthening the Group's relations to politicians, authorities and trade organisations. Vestas has therefore established a new department for Governmental Relations situated in Copenhagen, where the new head of the department, Peter C. Brun, will also be based.

Peter C. Brun, aged 39, joins Vestas from a position in the Danish Foreign Ministry. Today he is deputy manager in the Ministry's office for Trade & Industry's International Conditions. The new Vice President graduated as Master of Political Science from the University of Copenhagen, and he comes to Vestas with considerable international experience, among others from postings in New York, Brussels and Bonn. Besides, he brings significant knowledge of a number of overseas countries, as he has previously worked with international trade policy in relation to among others Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

Through his entire career, Peter C. Brun has worked within Public Affairs and Regulatory Affairs, and has therefore significant experience with the decision-making processes of public authorities. Through his work in both Denmark and abroad, he has assisted a number of major companies in the area of trade policy, including preparation and implementation of influencing strategies.

"The wind turbine manufacturers have spent many years developing technologies that can compete financially with oil and gas. However, the international energy sector is a highly politicised sector. Consequently, it is just as important to develop the political competitiveness of wind power. We ourselves have to explain why wind power should have much more weight in energy policy. We must contribute to the global political decision making process as best we can. It is quite a challenge, and I am very much looking forward to getting started," says Peter C. Brun.

Mainly outside Denmark

As Vestas' sales in Denmark constitute less than one per cent of total production, the new Vice President – with Copenhagen as his base – will begin the establishment of a series of



satellite offices around the world. Vestas' dialogue with politicians and officials will thereby be notably intensified during the next months and years. Peter C. Brun also joins as Vestas' representative in all national and international bodies within wind energy.

Ditlev Engel, Group President & CEO, emphasises the importance of strengthening the dialogue with politicians and public officials:

"Fully in line with our new vision of wind to be perceived as an energy source on par with oil and gas, we experience a significant increase in the global interest in wind energy. Not only because of the environmental benefits, but also because wind is a highly competitive source of energy. The fact that Vestas' views carry significant weight in the debate is no doubt related to the fact that we are the only global player with wind energy as our only focus area. That is also why we are never accused of having a hidden agenda in the energy debate," says Ditlev Engel, who is pleased to have got hold of one of the Danes with most insight and experience within these areas.

Peter C. Brun will report directly to Ditlev Engel, as he takes up his new position by 1 August 2006. The location of the new Copenhagen office has not yet been found, but this will be in place by the end of the summer holiday.

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