

## Press release from Vestas Wind Systems A/S

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### Vestas inaugurates technology centre in Chennai, India

*Vestas inaugurates its new technology centre in Chennai, India. The centre, spread over a more than 60,000 square feet area and located at TECCI Park, Rajiv Gandhi Salai, Chennai, will house Vestas Technology R&D's future activities in India. The centre will play a vital role in Vestas' global, long-term dedication to R&D in cooperation with Vestas' technology centres in Denmark, United Kingdom, Singapore and the US.*

The centre in Chennai marks an important milestone in Vestas' strategy to expand its research and development activities globally in order to maintain its leadership position in modern energy. The new centre will enable Vestas to attract the elite of the talent pool available amongst Indian engineers. Engineers with the highest level of competence and experience will be hand picked to further strengthen the company's R&D activities on a global scale. The technology centre will further consolidate Vestas' presence in one of its key markets and will strengthen the existing R&D organisations in Europe, Singapore and the US.

*"The primary objective behind all our R&D initiatives is to improve turbine reliability and lower the cost of energy. The research that we will undertake at our new centre in Chennai will contribute to R&D in almost all core wind technology areas. This will help us go a long way maximising the performance of our products,"* says Finn Strøm Madsen, President of Vestas Technology R&D.

At the moment, more than 100 employees work at the Chennai centre making it the largest Vestas Technology R&D facility outside Denmark. The number of employees is expected to climb to more than 500 over the next five years.

According to Michael Høgedal, Vice President & Managing Director of Vestas Technology R&D Chennai, these activities already attract candidates.

*"Chennai offers us an immense talent across various disciplines, which is crucial to wind turbine R&D. The city has world-class universities, good IT infrastructure and engineers with cutting edge knowledge and high experience levels from other multinational companies, and we are very pleased to learn that they now seek for positions in Vestas Technology R&D in Chennai,"* says Michael Høgedal.

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Wind power is a competitive, predictable and clean energy resource. It has a fast ramp-up and offers the energy independence demanded by some of the world's largest and fastest growing economies. This is why Vestas calls wind power Modern Energy.

With a 23 per cent global market share in 2007, Vestas is the world's largest supplier of modern energy solutions. The company has installed more than 35,500 wind turbines in 63 countries.

In India, Vestas has been present for more than a decade and has developed projects in states with the best wind conditions. Established in August 2007, Vestas Technology R&D in Chennai is now a vital part of Vestas' global R&D activities contributing to the entire range of activities.