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Vestas finishes 2010 with record order intake in North America, adds new facilities and jobs

Vestas finished 2010 with a record number of wind-turbine sales in North America — 15 total — resulting in 1,883 megawatts and 871 wind turbines. This was the best sales performance for the region since Vestas entered the North American market in 1981. Vestas' previous sales record for North America was 1,554 megawatts in 2007. Other highlights in 2010 include:

- Ten orders from U.S. customers (1,513 MW), five orders from Canadian customers (370 MW)
- The largest order for a single site — 190 V90-3.0 MW turbines for Terra-Gen's Alta Wind Energy Center in California
- A five-year service contract renewal for 429 MW with Puget Sound Energy, the leading utility in Washington

"These achievements are particularly noteworthy given the economic challenges facing the wind business and many other industries since 2008," said Martha Wyrsh, who became President of Vestas Americas in mid-2009. "In the last few years, we have focused on lowering the cost of energy for our customers through regional manufacturing and local sourcing of parts, and by increasing energy production through preventative turbine maintenance."

Announced North American Orders in 2010

Project (MW) — Owner (Location)	Project (MW) — Owner (Location)	Project (MW) — Owner (Location)
Kent Hills (54) — TransAlta (New Brunswick)	Quality Wind (142) — Capital Power Corporation (British Columbia)	Michigan Wind 2 (90) — John Deere Wind Energy (Michigan)
Granite Reliable Windpark (99) — Noble Environmental Power (New Hampshire)	Cedar Point (250) — Renewable Energy Systems Americas (Colorado)	Oak Glen (43) — Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (Minnesota)
Glacier Hills Wind Park (146) — We Energies (Wisconsin)	Alta Wind Energy Center (570) — Alta/Terra-Gen Power (California)	Rockland (79) — Ridgeline Energy (Idaho)
Red Lily (26) — Algonquin Power (Saskatchewan)	Solano 3 (128) — Sacramento Municipal Utility District (California)	Macho Springs (50) — Element Power (New Mexico)
Point Aux Roches (49) — International Power Canada, Inc. (Ontario)	Horse Butte I (58) — Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (Idaho)	Undisclosed (99) — Undisclosed (British Columbia)

The strong order intake has kept Vestas' three Colorado manufacturing facilities busy and helped create more than 700 jobs in that state in 2010.

- Vestas' blade factory in Windsor, which opened in 2008, added almost 200 jobs in 2010 to bring its employee total to nearly 700 people.
- Vestas' nacelle factory in Brighton, which officially opened in 2010, added about 220 jobs to the Colorado economy this year and now has more than 300 employees.
- Vestas' tower factory in Pueblo began operations in early 2010 and has added about 300 jobs in recent months, increasing its employee base to 430.

In July, Vestas established a new engineering office in Louisville, Colo., transferring 46 existing Technology Research & Development employees, who were temporarily housed at the Brighton nacelle factory, to the new office space. Since then, this new research and development facility has nearly doubled its workforce. These highly skilled positions include engineers and scientists who are working to improve technology for existing Vestas turbines and develop future wind-power systems.

Altogether, Vestas employs about 3,000 people in North America, including more than 1,600 in Colorado. More than 600 employees provide service and maintenance for customers' turbines in 20 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces.

In 2011, Vestas will open an additional blade factory in Brighton that is expected to employ at least 600 people when at full operating capacity. The Brighton blade factory will be equipped to manufacture blades for the new V112-3.0 MW, which was released for sale in 2010.

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About Vestas

Vestas is the world leader in supplying high-tech wind power systems, and the preferred provider of wind turbines, services and solutions in North America. Since 1979, Vestas has supplied more than 41,000 wind turbines in 65 countries. Vestas sold its first wind turbine in North America in 1981 and since has supplied more than 11,000 turbines to the United States and Canada. The company's North American manufacturing operations are based in Colorado. This includes a blade factory in Windsor, a nacelle factory in Brighton and a tower factory — the world's largest — in Pueblo. Vestas has research and development offices in Texas, Wisconsin, Massachusetts and Colorado. Vestas' global headquarters is in Randers, Denmark.