

BOWL signs offshore alliance agreement

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Beatrice Offshore Windfarm Ltd (BOWL) has entered into agreements with The Offshore Wind Alliance, a group of companies SSE has brought together to support the engineering and delivery of their offshore wind development programme. Under the agreement the companies will collaborate on a range of pre-construction activities including preliminary engineering and detailed design of the Beatrice offshore wind farm.

BOWL is a joint venture partnership formed between SSE Renewables, SSE's renewable energy development division, and Repsol Nuevas Energias UK (formerly SeaEnergy Renewables). It is proposing to develop an offshore wind farm in the Outer Moray Firth which will generate up to 1,000MW of renewable electricity.

The BOWL alliance partners are:

- Subsea 7 - Installation engineering and offshore project management;
- Siemens Transmission and Development Ltd - Design and project management of the electrical transmission and distribution system;
- Atkins – Design of turbine substructures and offshore substations;
- Burntisland Fabrications - fabrication of turbine substructures and offshore substations; and
- Siemens Wind Power A/S -Design supply and installation of wind turbines.

The BOWL agreement follows an announcement earlier this year that SSE had formed an alliance with a number of companies to collaborate on its offshore wind programme, with the aim of securing substantial cost reductions in the cost of delivering offshore wind projects.

Jim Smith, SSE's Managing Director of Renewables said: "This is an important stage in the development of the Beatrice project. Over the next two years I am looking forward to the alliance companies working together to deliver the innovation and cost reduction needed to create a viable and investable project".

Ronnie Bonnar, Managing Director of Repsol Nuevas Energias UK, said: "Developing a cost effective solution for the Beatrice project is fundamental to the success of the development and we look forward to working with the Alliance members to deliver this objective"

BOWL is keen to maintain SSE's strong track record of using local contractors and suppliers where possible. Further information for local contractors and suppliers will be made available by the alliance partners as proposals for the wind farm progress.

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