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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

WINDFORCE 2013 is fast approaching. Have you already registered? The closing date for registering for the conference, taking place from 4 to 6 June 2013 in Bremerhaven, is 31 May. This newsletter contains precise details of registration, hotel reservation and some special treats included in this year's programme. A number of companies have already decided to take part in the WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show – do you also want to present one of your working vessels? The North Sea Wind Farm Tour that rounds off WINDFORCE 2013 provides another opportunity to experience wind energy close up. An excursion like this is not one to be missed! In the newsletter you will also find out about the impressions gained by the WINDFORCE team from the Hanover Trade Fair and how you can evaluate the WINDFORCE Baltic Sea conference that took place in Stockholm in February.

Please note too that at www.windforce2013.com you will be able to find the most up-to-date information about registration and the programme for WINDFORCE 2013.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Your WINDFORCE Team

P.S. Do you like our newsletter service? Do you think your colleagues, business partners and friends would like to know about WINDFORCE too? We are more than happy for you to pass our



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WINDFORCE 2013 Bremerhaven

1. WINDFORCE 2013 North Sea Wind Farm Tour

Experience wind energy live and close up: the North Sea Wind Farm Tour on 7 June 2013 gives you the opportunity to examine at first hand a number of German offshore projects in situ in the North Sea.

On June 7, the Halunder Jet starts off from Hamburg at 6 a.m. and makes for Cuxhaven. It sets off from there at 9 a.m. to go to the offshore wind farms. Seven wind farms are on the agenda, depending on weather conditions, amongst which are Nordsee Ost, Bard Offshore 1, Global Tech I and Alpha Ventus. Around 30 minutes will be spent at each one. Live demonstrations will bring home the realities of what the word "offshore" really means. Participants remain on board throughout the entire excursion. Offshore wind businesses will present the activities they are currently engaged in at each of the different project areas. The Halunder Jet arrives back at Cuxhaven at around 7 p.m. and reaches Hamburg at approximately 9 p.m.

Registrations are now being taken at www.windforce2013.com/de/register. The cost of the North Sea Wind Farm Tour is not included in the participants' fee and must be booked separately. The cost is EUR 260 or EUR 150 for WAB members, plus 19% VAT.

2. WINDFORCE 2013 Registration deadlines edge closer

The registration deadline for taking part in the conference is 31 May 2013. Take the opportunity to register now – some items in the programme might soon become fully booked. Along with talks on topics such as cost reduction, financing and maritime technologies there is the WINDFORCE Dinner on 5 June 2013, an event which always proves very popular – be sure to book your place at this sought after occasion!

The deadline for your entry on the official List of Participants and for placement on the contacts board is 15 May 2013. Anyone wishing to have their name placed there should ensure that their completed conference registration form is submitted by then. Participants can leave their business card on the contacts board in the foyer of the Atlantic Hotel Sail City conference venue, making it easy to get in touch with other participants and arrange a meeting.

3. WINDFORCE 2013 Hotel reservation – it pays to do this quickly

So, your registration has been successful and there is nothing to

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stand in the way of attending WINDFORCE 2013. But have you given a thought to your hotel reservation? If not, then you need to be quick because Bremerhaven has limited hotel capacity. We are more than happy to help in finding suitable accommodation for the days of the conference. At www.windforce2013.com/de/register (Password: 2013wab) you can look for and reserve hotel accommodation in Bremerhaven via our log-in tab. Bremerhaven's tourist board service will assist you with any queries you may have.

4. WINDFORCE 2013 Present your business in the WINDFORCE Guide

The WINDFORCE Guide is an important guide for participants at the WINDFORCE 2013 conference in Bremerhaven. It offers a proven combination of editorial and informational news, giving you interesting background that complements the service section with all the data and facts about the conference. The Guide is published in an edition of 4,000 copies and not only distributed to participants at the conference, but also sent to WAB members.

Take advantage of the 2013 WINDFORCE Guide to address decision-makers with your targeted ad!

http://www.bb-rb.de/fileadmin/downloads/Mediadaten-pdf/WAB-WINDFORCE_Mediadaten2013.pdf

5. WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show The Weserkaje quay is filling up...

The date of 30 April 2013 is an important one for all interested businesses – this is the last day for registering for the WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show, taking place for the first time as part of the WINDFORCE 2013 programme. There is space on the Weserkaje quay in Bremerhaven for between 10 and a maximum of 20 boats.

Four companies have already booked a space for one of their working vessels. At WORKBOATS in WATER, the Unterweser Reederei and the Bugsier Reederei- und Bergungsgesellschaft are each presenting a tug for offshore deployment. Also on show is the newly-developed Swash@A&R vessel from the Abeking & Rasmussen Schiffs- und Yachtwerft, and Damen Shipyard is presenting its Twin Axe 2610 vessel. Conference participants will be able to experience the boats' operational characteristics during trips out on the Weser River.

An open discussion will be held on Thursday, 6 June 2013 at 2 p.m. to complement the workboats exhibition. German and international experts from shipping companies and shipyards will be talking about: "The market for crew transfer ships in the offshore wind industry is growing very rapidly and projects are being developed further out at sea. Do we need internationally agreed safety regulations?"

Questions put by listeners will also be tackled. The 45-minute discussion will take place, weather permitting, on two of the boats being exhibited on the Weserkaje quay. The Große Saal in the conference centre of the Atlantic Hotel Sail City in Bremerhaven

has been reserved in the event of adverse weather conditions. The Damen Shipyard is sponsoring the event.

Trade visitors who are not able to take part in the conference can register for the WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show free of charge until 30 April by going online at <http://www.windforce2013.com/boat-show/registration-for-vessels/>

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6. WINDFORCE A look back at the Hanover Trade Fair

The WINDFORCE team can look back at five successful days at the Hanover Trade Fair held from 8 to 12 April; an entire hall was devoted to wind energy. At stand F18 in Hall 27, the WINDFORCE team welcomed many companies that were already expressing interest in participating in WINDFORCE 2014, the second offshore trade fair that will take place from 17 to 20 June 2014 on the Bremen trade fair grounds. Many discussions revolved around the current situation in the industry and future measures to create greater security in planning for the industry. The WINDFORCE team was able to take the opportunity to make new contacts. "We are looking forward to continuing talks with representatives of the industry – in June, for example, at WINDFORCE 2013", said Jens Eckhoff, managing director of the Offshore Wind Messe und Veranstaltungen GmbH.



7. WINDFORCE Baltic Sea 2014 DVD documentation for 2013 provides a foretaste of 2014

So you want to gain an impression of this year's WINDFORCE Baltic Sea in Stockholm? No problem, because the documentation for February's conference is now fresh off the press. The DVD comprising PowerPoint presentations of all talks, the programme guide, the list of participants as well as numerous photos can be ordered for EUR 149 + 19% VAT by sending an email to jaworski@windforce2014.com. The newly-established WINDFORCE Baltic Sea event was very successful – and its organisers are already well under way with preparations for the second round. WINDFORCE Baltic Sea will be held next year on 5 and 6 February 2014 in Gdansk, Poland. Although registrations for the conference are not yet being taken, it is well worth making a note of the date in your diary. You will receive further information as soon as registration opens.

8. WINDFORCE 2013

Germany's association of consumer advice centres attacks offshore wind energy

The recent statement put out by the association of consumer advice centres – that German offshore wind energy produced far out at sea is too expensive and should not be further developed – has caused quite a stir. The view of the association is not one that the offshore industry can concur with in the slightest. Without offshore wind energy, the energy turnaround is not possible. Ronny Meyer, managing director of the WAB Wind Energy Agency, responded to the view of the consumer advice group in a number of German media. Amongst other things, he pointed out that the association had in the past underestimated cost reduction for photovoltaics and is now doing the same with offshore wind energy. Cost reduction in offshore wind energy is still in its early days after all, just like the industry itself. Incidentally, cost reduction is also one of the main themes of WINDFORCE 2013. Meyer stressed once again that the energy turnaround in Germany is not possible without offshore wind energy – and a challenge to offshore wind energy indirectly encourages the coal and nuclear power industries. Germany fundamentally needs all types of renewable energies to bring about the energy turnaround – and offshore wind energy lies at its core.

A radio interview (Nordwestradio/Radio Bremen) with Ronny Meyer can be heard at <http://www.radiobremen.de/mediathek/index.html?id=85749>.

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