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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

There are just four weeks to go before we say “Hello” and welcome you to the event for the offshore wind industry in Bremerhaven. From 4 to 6 June, a comprehensive programme awaits you at the WINDFORCE 2013 conference boasting top international speakers, stimulating presentations, lots of opportunities to exchange information, and the chance to renew old and make new contacts.

We have summarised the most important parts of the programme for you here in this newsletter. You will also find any updates on the North Sea Wind Farm Tour, the highlight concluding this year’s WINDFORCE, at www.windforce2013.com. Those of you who haven’t registered yet still have the opportunity to do so until 31 May 2013.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bremerhaven and enjoying successful, productive, informative and inspiring WINDFORCE days with you together!
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 newsletter on to them.



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Bremerhaven

1. WINDFORCE 2013 The countdown is on – registration closes on 31 May

You would like to attend WINDFORCE 2013, but have waited to register? Then you will have to act fast because registration for the conference closes on 31 May 2013. After that date, participants can register only directly at the venue. Take advantage now of online registration at www.windforce2013.com/de/register.

2. WINDFORCE 2013 Something for everybody – the WINDFORCE 2013 programme

WINDFORCE is a platform for the German and international offshore wind sector, and it's a matter of course that the issues relevant to the industry today should find their place in the conference programme. In specific theme sessions at WINDFORCE 2013, high-profile international speakers will report on real practice but also on research in areas such as maritime technologies and nature conservation.

Exchanging information on projects and practical experience is also in the foreground. Financing is an important factor for all industry stakeholders. The theme session on cost reduction will look at the learning potential to be explored through the experience of other countries, but will also examine technical approaches that can help to minimise costs. However, financing also involves subsidies that the industry relies on – an aspect currently difficult to assess because the intention of Germany's governmental policy is so unclear at the moment.

Several sessions will look at the offshore workplace. What experience has been gained with offshore work vessels, and what plans are needed in future? What are the challenges and solutions associated with the maintenance and logistics of offshore projects? One session will also focus on offshore grid connection.

The issue of durability is also of high interest to the offshore industry. How can structures be built to withstand harsh conditions for years? One WINDFORCE 2013 session will explore this challenge, which is closely linked to questions about structural integrity and the monitoring of facilities.

The programme will be rounded off by the new WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show, the WINDFORCE Dinner, and the North Sea Wind Farm Tour.

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3. WINDFORCE 2013

Experience wind energy live – the North Sea Wind Farm Tour

Seven wind farms in one day? WINDFORCE 2013 will make this possible on 7 June when the Halunder Jet takes participants on an excursion to – depending on the weather – a maximum of seven wind farms in the North Sea. Several of Germany's offshore projects will be seen up close, amongst them the Nordsee Ost, Bard Offshore 1, Global Tech I and Alpha Ventus wind farms.

At 6 a.m., the Halunder Jet will leave Hamburg for Cuxhaven, and at 9 a.m. it will then leave Cuxhaven. Plans are to spend about 30 minutes at each wind farm. Participants stay on board during the entire tour. Live demonstrations will show the reality of what working offshore really means. Offshore wind businesses will present the activities they are currently engaged in at each of the different project areas. The Halunder Jet will arrive back at Cuxhaven at around 7 p.m. and will reach Hamburg at approximately 9 p.m.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see a number of German offshore projects up close in the North Sea. Please visit www.windforce2013.com/de/register to 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. For detailed information on the tour, go to www.windforce2013.com.

4.WORKBOATS in WATER

“Ship ahoy” at the Weserkaje quay!

Many different ships are used in the offshore wind industry, whether they are research vessels or service boats, port or ocean-going tugs, or barges. The WORKBOATS in WATER Boat Show, the new exhibition in the WINDFORCE 2013 programme, will give participants a unique opportunity to go on board. Five companies will show their boats at the Weserkaje quay, amongst them the Unterweser Reederei and the Bugsier-, Reederei- und Bergungsgesellschaft with tugs used for offshore jobs. The new Swash@A&R from the Abeking & Rasmussen shipyard and the Twin Axe 2610 from Damen Shipyards will also be showcased in Bremerhaven.

A public discussion on Thursday, 6 June 2013 at 2 p.m. will be an occasion for exchanging opinions and networking. German and

international experts from shipping companies and shipyards will talk about whether there is a need to set up international safety regulations for crew transfer vessels. Guests are very welcome to participate with questions. Weather permitting, the one-hour event will be held on two ships docked at the Weserkaje quay for the Boat Show. In case of poor weather, the discussion will be held in the Große Saal at the Conference Center Atlantic Hotel Sail City. Damen Shipyards is sponsoring the event.



5. WINDFORCE 2013

The WINDFORCE Dinner at this year's exclusive location

The organisers of WINDFORCE come up every year with a special idea for the WINDFORCE Dinner. It's long been a tradition to gather at a spectacular location for this exclusive occasion. In 2011, participants met in the WeserWind production hall and marvelled at the foundations. Then in 2012, dinner guests were able to observe the transport of gigantic tripods at the ABC-Halbinsel port. This year, on Wednesday, 5 June, another exciting place is waiting to be discovered – REpower Systems in Bremerhaven, a manufacturer of nacelles, is the venue for the 2013 WINDFORCE Dinner, which starts at 7.30 p.m. Be sure to book your place soon at this sought after event! www.windforce2013.com/de/register.

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