## **Owner's Perspective of Offshore Wind & R&D in Support of the Hornsea Offshore Wind Farms**

The world's first Multi GW-scale wind farm

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## this is what we do

Belfast Harbour



### **DONG Energy at a glance**

- Headquarters in Denmark
- 6,200 employees (including Oil & Gas)
- Revenue in 2016 DKK 61.2 bn
- EBITDA in 2016 DKK 19.1 bn
- Phase out the use of coal by 2023



 Develops, constructs, owns and operates offshore wind farms in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK.

Development projects in Taiwan and the USA

#### \* Share of the Group's capital employed

#### 4%<sup>\*</sup> Bioenergy & Thermal Power

 Generates and sells power and heat to customers in Denmark and Northwestern Europe

4%<sup>\*</sup> Oil & Gas

 (discontinued operations)
 Produces oil and gas from fields in Denmark, Norway and the UK

#### 12%<sup>\*</sup> Distribution & Customer Solutions

 Power distribution grid on Zealand and sale of power and gas to customers in Northwestern Europe



#### Leading the charge to decarbonisation

1,000<sup>th</sup> turbine installed  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}$ 

#### Our green transformation



\*We ensure this by having our suppliers of wood pellets and wood chips document their compliance with our sustainability requirements. \*\*This is the most ambitious target among our European peers.



## DONG Energy Wind Power overview





# DONG Energy Wind Power has built a strong integrated end-to-end business model



**~2,000** Full-time employees<sup>2</sup>





1. Front-end engineering design

2. Excluding CT Offshore and A2SEA as of January 2017





## At the forefront of making the industry cost competitive





1. Currently there are no turbines available on the market with a rotor diameter of 180m, however Adwen has announced that they expect to bring such a turbine to market in 2020.



### In 2012, DONG Energy set an ambitious target for cost reduction for 2020 and industry is well ahead of plan

Levelised revenue of electricity, incl. transmission costs £/MWh<sup>1</sup>, 2016-prices

Different national scope leads to differences in the cost of electricity from offshore wind





### Hornsea Project One Offshore Wind Farm



<sup>1</sup>Assuming a generic 42% load factor and UK annual domestic electricity consumption of 4.115MWh

#### Project timeline September April Q1 Q2 December February January 2017 2019 2016 2018 2014 2015 2016 Landfall cable First power is Onshore cable Offshore Development Consent DONG Energy takes over Onshore substation construction works construction generated. construction works granted by Secretary of full ownershtp of Hornsea site construction begin. begin. begins State. Project One from SMartWind. begins. тE



#### **Challenges presented by the Round 3 Projects**

Greater distance from shore...

Bringing forward new technology to manage transmissions losses associated with longer export cable routes.

- Traditionally, offshore wind farms have used High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) transmission.
- Challenge of bringing forward 66kV cables to reduce losses over greater distances.
- Will Direct Current (DC) be used in future?



Walney offshore wind farm from air

Hornsea Project One will require a Reactive Compensation Station approximately half way along the cable route.

- The Reactive Compensation Station enables the high voltage AC system to work with cable lengths longer than those previously used for offshore wind.
- Multi-million pound contract awarded to Babcock for the construction of a world first offshore reactive compensation station.



Typical offshore substation platform



### **Challenges presented by the Round 3 Projects**

Installing wind farms further offshore...

- Vessels need to be capable of holding larger components (e.g. next generation turbines)
- Longer distance from ports/staging facilities to offshore array and export cable route creates the need for greater efficiencies



Offshore accommodation platform during construction for Race Bank

Operating and maintaining windfarms further out to Sea....

- New state of the art "SOV" vessel to operate from the new East Coast hub, UK's largest offshore wind O&M base located in Grimsby.
- Up to 28 consecutive days offshore.
- To service 6-8 turbines a day
- Innovative approach to O&M: extended technician shifts with 2 weeks on, 2 weeks off
- Safety and operational efficiency benefits: ability of technicians to "walk to work"
- Accommodation capacity for up to 60 people





### **Offshore Substations**





# DONG Energy is currently exploring the potential to build one of the world's largest offshore wind farms

- The Project will have a total capacity of up to 2,400 MW and could be capable of generating enough electricity to meet the average daily needs of over 2 million UK homes.
- Hornsea Project Three has signed a grid connection agreement with National Grid for connection at an existing 400 kV Substation, just south of Norwich.
- The Project has identified a suitable landfall zone in the vicinity of Weybourne and is currently consulting on an indicative export cable corridor.





We have based the above calculation on a load factor of 42% and a household consumption of 4.1MWh per year. Source: DECC, 2015



### How R&D has Benefitted the Hornsea Zone Offshore Windfarms

#### New Technology at Hornsea One

- Offshore Reactive Compensation Substation
- Suction-Caisson Jacket Foundations
- Twisted Jacket Foundation (for Met Mast)
- Offshore LiDAR on platforms (secondary source)
- 400MW transmitted down each export cable
- O&M at 140km from Shore

#### More general Technology Developments

- Continuous Design Optimisation of Monopile Foundations
- Optimised (to the extent possible) Windturbine Layout





## Highlights of R&D at DONG Energy

- Development and testing of new Foundations Structures
- BEACon: scanning radar currently scanning Westermost Rough Offshore Windfarm
- Joint Industry technology demonstration
  - Floating LiDAR
  - Monopile design PISA & SLIC
- Other Key Areas

   Power Curve Measurements

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### BEACon Scanning LiDAR Westermost Rough





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#### Wind speed measurements





# Offshore wind power is a large scale renewable technology with growth rates exceeding other renewables



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF)

1. Sum of utility-scale PV and small-scale PV

2. Capacity factor is a performance indicator measuring to what degree a wind farm has produced according to the farms capacity (actual production / (capacity x hours in period))

3. According to BNEF, long-term offtake price required to achieve a required equity hurdle rate for the project



## By 2025 offshore wind power will be truly global...

**Strong growth in established and new offshore wind markets** Installed Capacity, GW



Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF), H2 2016 offshore wind market outlook



## Questions? Comments? and thank you for your attention

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