



First project to be realised in the Nordics: VSB Group constructs 40 MW wind farm in Finland

Dresden/Kalajoki, 9 July 2020 – 7 Nordex N163/5.X wind turbines, each with a rated capacity of 5.7 MW, are expected to be in operation on the west coast of Finland by summer 2022. This will be the first project to be commissioned in Finland for VSB as developer and operator.

The project is located in the Northern Ostrobothnia regions on the west coast of Finland near the town of Kalajoki. The Nordex N163/5.X turbines will be installed some seven kilometers from the Gulf of Bothnia coastline. VSB intends to complete the wind farm and the associated substation by summer 2022. There are no national auctions to support wind energy projects in Finland, and generation of green electricity is competitive without financial subsidy from the government.

"Finland aims to be climate neutral by 2035. An ambitious target that we will actively help to achieve by increasing wind energy. 'Juurakko' is our first Finnish wind farm and part of this mission," explains Seppo Tallgren, Country Manager at VSB Uusiutuva Energia Suomi Oy.

Construction of the 40 MW wind farm will start in spring 2021. Infrastructure and foundations are to be completed by autumn of this year. After a winter break, construction of the wind turbines will begin in March 2022. For this VSB wind farm the turbine supplier Nordex will deliver the latest turbine technology, which will be installed for the first time in Finland. The N163/5.X model will be configured in the cold climate version, along with an anti-icing system, to ensure consistently high yields even under Nordic weather conditions.

VSB has been active in Finland since 2015. Besides 'Juurakko', the local team is currently developing a further 400 MW of generation capacity.

About VSB Group

VSB, headquartered in Dresden, is one of the leading European full-service suppliers in the renewable energy sector. Its core business is the international project development and realization of wind and photovoltaic farms as well as their operation and commercial and technical management. Since 1996, VSB has commissioned more than 700 wind energy and photovoltaic plants with a combined installed capacity of approximately 1.1 GW and an investment volume of 1.7 billion euros. The VSB Group and associated companies employ over 300 people at 22 locations.

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