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A2SEA complete turbine erection work at Egmond aan Zee

Market leading offshore wind farm construction company A2SEA has successfully installed the last of 36 Vestas V90 offshore wind turbines at Egmond aan Zee, off the coast of the Netherlands. The project, which is being constructed by a Consortium of the Dutch offshore contractor Ballast Nedam and the Danish wind turbine manufacturer Vestas for the owners Shell WindEnergy and the Dutch utility Nuon, is the latest large scale offshore wind farm to be developed in Europe and the first in Dutch waters. Following the finalisation of cable installation the project will enter the commissioning phase and is due to be completed end 2006.

A2SEA's construction work was carried out by the M/V SEA ENERGY, one of two unique leg suspended crane vessels operated by the company. The sister vessel M/V SEA POWER was also employed on the project transporting the giant wind turbine components from Denmark to the local logistics base in Ijmuiden. Work on the turbine construction commenced at the start of June and operations have proceeded very smoothly over the summer.

A2SEA's CEO, Kaj Lindvig is delighted by the performance on the project.

"Our highly professional team, both on the vessels and in the office, has once again demonstrated why A2SEA has become the clear market leader in this sector".

Since the launch of A2SEA's first vessel in 2001, the company has constructed 244 of the 291 turbines built offshore, a market share in excess of 80%.

Kaj Lindvig added "we are an international company and it is important for us to deliver successful projects right across Europe. We are proud to have played our part in delivering a successful first offshore project for Ballast Nedam, Vestas, Shell, Nuon and for the Netherlands".

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Notes to editors:

A2SEA's revolutionary technology in the form of the special purpose crane vessels M/V SEA ENERGY and M/V SEA POWER has made it a world leader in offshore wind turbine installation and service work.

The approach to installing offshore wind farms pioneered by A2SEA is based on a concept of 'leg supported crane vessels'. The self-sustained vessels, approx 93 metres long by 22 metres wide, are each fitted with a 450t crane and four legs which can stabilise/support the vessel on the seabed.

1. *A2SEA was established in 2000 with the objective of providing transport, installation and marine support to offshore wind farm projects.*
2. *A2SEA has successfully performed major marine support, installation and service tasks for all the leading wind turbine manufacturers - Vestas, Siemens/Bonus, GE Wind Energy, former NEG Micon and Nordex.*
3. *A2SEA offers a wide range of offshore contracting services including installation of substructure and superstructure, repair and service, turnkey meteorological mast installation and rapid crew transfer.*
4. *The Head Office is based in Fredericia, Denmark, with wholly owned subsidiaries in Flensburg, Germany and Chelmsford, UK.*
5. *Homepage: www.a2sea.com*