



Press release

RWE invests in new Grimsby Hub operations & maintenance base

- **New Grimsby Hub facility will expand existing Triton Knoll facilities at ABP's Royal Dock**
- **Strategic decision for RWE will enable sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources for greater offshore operations efficiency**

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Tom Glover, RWE UK Country Chair: “State-of-the-art operations facilities, which offer the benefits of deep water quaysides in Grimsby, have already been constructed for Triton Knoll at ABP's Royal Docks. By expanding on these existing facilities, RWE aims to create an important centre of knowledge and expertise that guarantees our presence in the region for the long term, and which we anticipate will create more opportunities for local jobs, skills training and longer term relationships with nearby suppliers.”

RWE, one of the world's leading offshore wind companies, is to make a major strategic commitment to the UK's east coast with the creation of a state-of-the-art operations hub at Grimsby's Royal Dock. The new 'Grimsby Hub' facility will expand the existing Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm base and will be the home for RWE's specialist team for major component exchanges and offshore repairs. As part of the move, RWE's 1.4 gigawatt (GW) Sofia Offshore Wind Farm will also locate its operations and maintenance activities to the new hub in future.

In total, RWE expects the new facility will accommodate around 140 RWE employees, with potentially around 60 new jobs created, plus indirect jobs required in support. The Grimsby Hub will also enable the company to strengthen its relationship with the region's businesses and local communities, by committing to a longer-term presence in the area.

Sven Utermöhlen, CEO Wind Offshore, RWE Renewables, said: “The Grimsby Hub will be a significant facility for RWE, where we will establish a dynamic one-team approach for the operation of our two largest offshore windfarms. By clustering our operations and control room activities in one place, we can share knowledge, expertise and learning that will be beneficial to the whole RWE offshore fleet. Long term this will ensure our projects deliver efficient, cost-effective electricity, and help RWE achieve its target of becoming carbon neutral by 2040.”

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The location of the Grimsby Hub was chosen because of its proximity to existing and future projects and its deep-water quayside, which is suited to the use of Service Operations Vessels (SOVs). RWE will lease an additional 1.3 acres of land to enable the expansion. Construction is due to start in Q1 2022 and will run until Q4 2022, with first occupation expected later in 2023. Once constructed, the new facility will include a state-of-the-art joint control room offering 24/7 monitoring of multiple sites, new shared office space, and separate warehouse facilities.

Simon Bird, ABP Humber Director, commented: “This is fantastic news and represents yet another huge vote of confidence in the Port of Grimsby which is already the leading home of offshore wind operations and maintenance in the world. The port has the right combination of location, infrastructure and available workforce to make it the place to be as the offshore sector continues to grow in the coming years.”

RWE is one of the world’s leading renewable energy companies, involved in the deployment of around 2.4 GW (pro rata) of operational offshore wind capacity, and developing and constructing some of the world’s most advanced offshore wind farms. RWE supports the UK government in achieving its ambitious climate goals.

Alongside Triton Knoll, RWE is constructing the 1.4 GW Sofia Offshore Wind Farm and is progressing four extension projects in the UK, with a combined potential installed capacity of around 2.6 GW (RWE’s pro rata share: 1.3 GW.) Furthermore, the company successfully bid for two new adjacent offshore sites on Dogger Bank, with a potential total installed capacity of 3 GW, in The Crown Estate’s Offshore Wind Round 4 Leasing auction. Globally, RWE is driving an offshore wind pipeline of almost 10 GW (pro rata) with secured development rights as part of its total pipeline of more than 30 GW.

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Pictures of the Triton Knoll operations base for media use (credit: RWE) are available at the [RWE Media Centre](#)

RWE Renewables

RWE Renewables is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. With around 3,500 employees, the company has onshore and offshore wind farms, photovoltaic plants and battery storage facilities with a combined capacity of approximately 9 gigawatts. RWE Renewables is driving the expansion of renewable energy in more than 20 countries on five continents. From 2020 until 2022, RWE Renewables targets to invest up to €5 billion net in renewable energy and to grow its renewables portfolio to 13 gigawatts of net capacity. Beyond this, the company plans to further grow in wind and solar power. The focus is on the Americas, the core markets in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

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