

## Press release

### **Breaking ground in Lower Saxony: RWE to construct new wind farm in Evendorf**

- **RWE is supporting the state government of Lower Saxony in transitioning its energy supply to renewables**
- **Wind farm able to supply 7,500 homes with green electricity**
- **Commissioning planned for summer 2022**

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RWE is commencing construction of the Evendorf wind farm. The company is erecting three Nordex turbines with a total installed capacity of 11.7 megawatts (MW) and a hub height of 134 metres in Lower Saxony's Harburg district, around 50 kilometres south of Hamburg. Once they become fully operational in late summer, the turbines will produce enough green electricity to supply 7,500 homes. RWE is making good progress with expanding its wind farm portfolio in Germany. Most recently, the company was granted approval for two onshore wind projects in Lower Saxony and North Rhine-Westphalia. In its home market of Germany, RWE, with its long-standing wind power experience, operates an onshore business with over 580 MW capacity (pro rata).

“Evendorf is a positive example of how the pace of building additional renewables capacities can be stepped up due to good collaboration with state and local authorities. I want to thank the local stakeholders and the local authority for their great support with this project,” said Jens Edler-Krupp, who is responsible for developing RWE's German onshore wind farms. Christian Sauer, Lord Mayor of the Egestorf municipality to which Evendorf belongs, points out: “To achieve the ambitious targets of the energy transition, we need onshore wind power. Each wind turbine saves large volumes of climate-damaging CO<sub>2</sub>. You'd hardly think that three new wind turbines will soon be up and running here. But from late-summer they will be generating large amounts of climate-friendly energy.”

#### **RWE's ambitions for growth in Germany**

RWE will expand its team to develop the regional onshore wind and solar business in Germany and will open seven new offices soon. About 200 new colleagues are to be hired to rigorously drive project development. RWE wants to invest up to €15 billion in the expansion of offshore and onshore wind, solar, storage, flexible back-up capacities and hydrogen in its home market by 2030.



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RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

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