



Press release

RWE sign strategic operations and maintenance jack up vessel agreement with ZITON

- **Framework deal will support RWE's fleet of offshore wind farms**
- **The long-term partnership includes vessel, lifting and auxiliary services**
- **Four year deal will standardise RWE's approach towards main component exchanges**

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RWE Offshore Wind has entered into a four year strategic operations and maintenance jack up vessel framework agreement with ZITON A/S, a specialised operations and maintenance service provider for offshore wind farm owners and turbine manufacturers. Under this agreement ZITON will provide RWE's Offshore Wind business with vessel, lifting and auxiliary services for a minimum of 180 days of support every year.

The long term partnership will cover all UK and European operational offshore wind assets of RWE accessible by ZITON 's fleet of jack up vessels.

It will enable a standardised and lean approach to major component exchanges across the RWE portfolio and reduces price uncertainty in a tighter market environment. Securing jack up vessels and continuing to build on the long-term relationship between the RWE and ZITON teams will help increase efficiency and reinforce a high level of safety performance.

Thomas Michel, Director Operations at RWE Offshore Wind said, "RWE has worked with ZITON very successfully on many occasions over recent years. With our in-house capabilities and the new partnership, we will be able to improve our approach towards major component exchanges further and bring performance to the next level."

The decision to partner with ZITON was based on their track record, vessel portfolio, service quality and experience in assisting RWE with component exchanges previously.

Thorsten Jalk, CEO of ZITON A/S commented on the agreement, "ZITON is pleased to announce the commencement of a strategic partnership with RWE for the provision of MCE services employing our fleet of operations and maintenance jack ups and special project teams. The agreement is testimony to the services of our company and comes on the back of years of successful cooperation between the companies.



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It marks a fundamental commitment from both parties which secures the continued successful operation of RWE's offshore wind assets for the next 4 years.”

RWE is one of the world's leading offshore wind players, active across the entire value chain, from project conception and development to construction as well as operation and maintenance. The unparalleled expertise the company has earned over the last 20 years has resulted in 18 wind farms in operation in five countries. At the 342 MW Kaskasi project, off the German island Heligoland, where RWE is piloting the world's first recyclable rotor blades produced by Siemens Gamesa, the turbines are already feeding electricity into the grid since the end of last year. And the 1.4 GW Sofia project in the UK, one of the largest offshore wind farms in the world, is currently under construction.

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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 more than €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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