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## **DONG Energy chooses ZITON as O&M service partner for offshore wind turbines**

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### **Leading European O&M service provider for offshore wind market enters component-exchange framework agreement with DONG Energy**

DONG Energy and ZITON A/S have entered a framework agreement that will see ZITON provide services related to main component exchanges on out-of-warranty offshore wind turbines for the next three years.

ZITON will provide its jack-up crane vessels for main component exchanges in Danish windfarms operated by DONG Energy not covered by OEM warranty. The three-year agreement also applies to other DONG Energy-operated windfarms in Denmark and UK and has an option to be extended to five years.

Typical O&M tasks will include exchanging blades, rotors, blade bearings, main bearings, gearboxes, generators and transformers in addition to other tasks requiring a stable lifting platform.

Projects will involve supplying project management, preparation of project plans (including site-specific analysis, marine operations plans and lifting plans), lifting operation and supervision, and design and construction of seafastening.

Thorsten Jalk, CEO of ZITON, comments:

“O&M plays a vital role in the future of the offshore wind industry. As offshore wind turbines come out of warranty, there is a natural progression for owners such as DONG Energy to look more closely at their O&M strategies. We have many years’ experience in all aspects of O&M planning and execution, and this agreement is a stamp of approval of our ability to help reduce the costs of operating wind farms.”

Explaining the significance of framework agreements for the offshore wind industry, Thorsten Jalk says:

“Framework agreements of this type provide a commercial setup that allow service providers to take a long-term perspective, which will contribute to driving down costs in a sustainable manner.”

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#### **ABOUT ZITON**

ZITON A/S owns and operates a fleet of three jack-up vessels and is a specialised operations and maintenance service provider to offshore wind farm owners and wind turbine manufacturers. With a solid track record gained from more than 500 major component replacements on more than 23 different offshore wind farms, ZITON focuses on providing cost-efficient and flexible solutions for exchanging major components on offshore wind turbines as well as providing strategic planning services to help reduce the costs of operating offshore wind farms.

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