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# ESVAGT will build a new SOV to service Vestas at Ecowende's Hollandse Kust West offshore wind farm in the Netherlands

ESVAGT has secured the contract to service Vestas at Ecowende's Hollandse Kust West offshore wind farm in the Netherlands and has initiated the process of designing and building the new SOV.

The newbuild will be the 6<sup>th</sup>purpose-built SOV for Vestas; a testament to the strong partnership between two innovative market leaders, who have been

cooperating since 2010:

"ESVAGT and Vestas share an extensive history since the earliest days of offshore wind, and Vestas has been one of our key partners in developing and refining our SOV concept," ESVAGT Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer Søren Karas says:

"This new contract not only underlines our shared ambition of continually pushing the envelope on efficient wind farm operations, it also cements ESVAGT's position as the largest owner of build-to-contract SOVs"

The new wind farm will be commissioned in 2026. The partners have agreed a 15-year contract with extension options, which is aligned with Vestas' service contract for EcoWende to ensure the optimal performance of the turbines.

Keld Kristensen Head of Operation Logistics Offshore at Vestas says:

"We are pleased to extend our cooperation with ESVAGT who has demonstrated over many years that they can deliver high performance and adapt to market changes. There has always been a shared vision between us to continuously improve on safety, quality and the sustainable developments needed going forward ".

The Ecowende wind farm adheres to several non-price criteria from the Dutch government, including the creation of a bird corridor within the wind farm layout, increasing the hub height to create more vertical space for birds as well as integrating bird and bat detection and deterrence systems into the turbine design.

ESVAGT received Vestas' "Sustainability Supplier of the Year" award for 2023, and adopting the ecology measures fits well with both Vestas' and ESVAGTs' ambitions to run the most sustainable operation possible. The battery-hybrid SOV is a new compact design, with the lowest possible fuel consumption, and is prepared for full electrification.

### **FACT:**

Ecowende will have a renewable electricity output of 760 MW, equating to c.3 percent of the current Dutch electricity demand. The wind farm will be

constructed c.53 kilometers off the Dutch coast, near IJmuiden.

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### About ESVAGT

ESVAGT is a dedicated provider of safety and support at sea and a leader within offshore wind solutions. Since pioneering the SOV concept in 2010, we have established ourselves as the market leader for innovative, safe, and efficient maritime services for offshore wind and is today the largest owner of build-to-contract SOVs, having purpose built nine SOV's to contract and now with a further four under construction in Europe and USA.

Founded in 1981, ESVAGT has a fleet of more than 40 vessels and approximately 1,300 employees offshore and onshore. <a href="www.esvagt.com">www.esvagt.com</a> for more information.

### **About Vestas**

Vestas is the energy industry's global partner on sustainable energy solutions. We design, manufacture, install, and service onshore and offshore wind turbines across the globe, and with more than 173 GW of wind turbines in 88 countries, we have installed more wind power than anyone else. Through our industry-leading smart data capabilities and unparalleled more than 151 GW of wind turbines under service, we use data to interpret, forecast, and exploit wind resources and deliver best-in-class wind power solutions. Together with our customers, Vestas' more than 29,000 employees are bringing the world sustainable energy solutions to power a bright future.

# **About ESVAGT**

ESVAGT is a dedicated provider of safety and support at sea and services both the offshore wind industry as well as the oil & gas industry.

We service offshore wind farms and have a fleet of dedicated Service Operation Vessels (SOV), which ESVAGT pioneered in 2010. The SOVs provide accommodation for technicians, welfare facilities, offices and conference rooms, storage for turbine parts, workshops, etc. The SOV offers flexible personnel and equipment transfer capabilities by either Walk-to-Work gangway system or Safe Transfer Boats.

We support the offshore Oil & Gas industries with a wide range of specialized services: Standby, Emergency Response and Rescue Vessels (ERRV), Oil spill response, Firefighting, Tanker assists, Rig moves, Supply services and Interfield transfer of cargo and personnel.

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