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ENERTRAG and PROKON are Awarded the First Offshore Wind Energy Project in France

Today the French Minister of Industry François Loos has announced the result of the tender for offshore wind energy projects in France – with a surprising outcome. Out of ten project proposals only one has been chosen – the project of ENERTRAG Côte d'Albâtre SAS, a subsidiary of ENERTRAG Aktiengesellschaft, in cooperation with PROKON Nord, before the coast of Seine-Maritime.

The project is located about seven kilometres distance off the coast in a water depth of approx. 23 meter and will be realised in the years 2007/2008. It is planned to install 21 turbines of the type Multibrid M5000. The M5000 prototype has been tested successfully since spring this year in Bremerhaven/ Germany, where Multibrid's production site is located.

The companies see the basis of the success especially in the careful and long-term planning process, in which ecological and tourist aspects have received special consideration – all affected institutions and authorities were involved from the beginning on. These factors were crucial for the positive decision as the French Government informed. The planning has been executed by ENERTRAG France, the site selection and the set-up of the planning principles were coordinated by PROKON Nord, based on their experiences gained from offshore projects in Germany and England.

As an independent energy company ENERTRAG generates power exclusively from regenerative sources and, with an installed capacity of 450MW, it belongs to Europe's most productive wind energy generators. 125 employees provide reliable plant operation for more than 300 wind turbines, which annually generate around 1 billion kilowatt hours.

Already in 2001 PROKON Nord accomplished to achieve the first German permission for an offshore wind farm and in December 2003 the company took over Multibrid Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH from Pfeleiderer AG.