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National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium Welcomes DEME Offshore to its Membership

Consortium's Board expansion demonstrates growth and increased collaboration with a broader spectrum of industry players at the center of U.S. offshore wind development.

March 2, 2023 - The National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium ("the Consortium") today announced the latest addition to its Board of Directors, DEME Offshore US, a global leader and solutions provider in the offshore wind industry. DEME Offshore US, as a multi-faceted development contractor, is the first NOWRDC Board member of this kind. This appointment highlights the Consortium's efforts to partner with key companies at the center of offshore wind development to fulfill its core mission of overcoming offshore wind industry barriers through innovation.

"On behalf of the Consortium, I am delighted to welcome DEME Offshore US to our Board," said Lyndie Hice-Dunton, Executive Director. "Their extensive experience in the transport and installation of foundations, turbines, inter-array cables, export cables and substations for offshore wind farms will provide valuable insight and innovative solutions as we work to support the development of offshore wind in the US."

The Consortium is a national resource for prioritizing and funding offshore wind research and development projects that address technical and systems management challenges faced by the U.S. offshore wind industry as it strives to accelerate project deployment, reduce costs and marine impacts, and achieve the national goal of 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy by 2030. A key part of the Consortium's work is collaborating with the principal industry players carrying out project development.

Jan Klaassen, Director DEME Offshore US, comments: "We are excited for this opportunity to bring our knowledge and years of worldwide experience to the Consortium. We look forward to furthering the offshore industry together in the US and to usher in the next generation of innovative solutions to meet the national renewable energy goals."

The National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium, established in 2018, is a not-for-profit public-private partnership focused on advancing offshore wind technology in the United States through high-impact research projects and cost-effective and responsible development to maximize economic benefits. Funding for the Consortium comes from the U.S. Department of Energy and the New York State Energy Research and Development



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Authority (NYSERDA), with each providing \$20.5 million, as well as contributions from the Commonwealths of Virginia and Massachusetts and the States of California, Maine, and New Jersey, bringing total investment to approximately \$52 million. For more information, please visit nationaloffshorewind.org.

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