

Case study: DONG Energy UK Ltd

About the company

DONG Energy is one of Europe's leading energy companies. Its main growth businesses are in offshore wind power and oil and gas exploration and production. It also has a Business-to-Business gas sales business in the UK where it is the second largest supplier of gas to the industrial and commercial sector. Headquartered in Denmark DONG Energy currently employs around 600 people in the UK across seven operational UK projects with one under construction and a further four in development.

About the project

DONG Energy are creating an operations base at the Port of Grimsby in order to support the construction and operation of their wholly owned Westermost Rough offshore wind farm. The wind farm will consist of 35 offshore wind turbines with a maximum generating capacity of 210MW, capable of supplying in the order of 210,000 homes. This is the first time that Siemens 6 Megawatt turbines have been used on a commercial scale for an offshore wind farm and represent a step forward in DONG Energy's efforts to cut cost of electricity produced by offshore wind.

In order to support the offshore wind farm construction and on-going operations and maintenance, DONG Energy have constructed a number of buildings and associated marine infrastructure, including berthing facilities. The buildings would accommodate 45 staff and consist of meeting rooms, control rooms and changing facilities for offshore wind technicians and crew boat members.

Additionally, a new 900 sq m Operations and Maintenance (O&M) facility is under construction at the Royal Dock in Grimsby to accommodate the operations base for a proposed offshore wind farm development being installed off the Holderness coast. These facilities include an office building and changing facilities, a warehouse for spare parts and workshop facilities as well as berthing facilities for up to 12 vessels involved in O&M activities.



Job creation

During the initial phase, a number of indirect construction-related jobs were created. However, as a direct result of this investment, up to 150 jobs will be created within the organisation, with posts ranging from office personnel to wind technicians. It is expected that a further 475 supply chain jobs are likely to be created as an indirect result of the investment.

The future

Duncan Clark, Programme Director for Westermost Rough at DONG Energy, said: "This project is our first in Grimsby and we're looking forward to continue to work with the Council, Humber Local Enterprise Partnership and the community in Grimsby as we move forward with our plans to build our base here and use the grant to further increase our investment in the area."

In brief

Location: Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire

£11,470,267 Project Cost

£1,147,027 RGF grant

150 direct jobs

