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REPOWER UK SIGNS MANUFACTURING DEAL

REpower UK, one of the country's biggest suppliers of wind energy, has signed a preferred supplier agreement with British manufacturer, Mabey Bridge, to supply wind turbine towers for many of its UK developments.

The news follows the announcement last month that Mabey Bridge will create 240 jobs in a new £38 million facility in Monmouthshire.

The deal means that the steel tubular towers will be manufactured in the UK for most of REpower's planned wind farms. The REpower nacelle and the blades will continue to be made to order at the REpower factories throughout Europe.

Rick Eggleston, Managing Director of REpower UK, commented;

"Sourcing our towers direct from the UK has been on our agenda for a while and we're pleased to have found a reliable and high quality supplier in Mabey Bridge. This agreement gives us a real boost in serving the needs of our clients and will improve our competitiveness in a tough UK market.

"Local procurement of the towers from a reliable UK manufacturer makes sense. We have met Mabey Bridge many times now and we're impressed with the high standard of the product and the Mabey Bridge commitment to customer care. We're confident that we will have a productive and positive relationship with them as we both build our businesses in the UK."

"With 25 wind farms now running across the country, we are well on our way to delivering our 400 MW target in the spring of this year."

Lars Rytter Kristensen, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Repower Systems AG adds:

"The preferred supplier agreement with Mabey Bridge confirms our commitment to build up a competitive supply chain in the UK market and will furthermore secure REpower capacity for towers in one of our core markets."

Peter Lloyd, managing director of Mabey Bridge, said: "This is fantastic news for Mabey Bridge and we look forward to working with REpower on wind energy projects across the UK."

Since its launch in 2003 REpower UK has delivered 22 onshore wind farms in Scotland, England and Wales and one offshore wind farm, Project Beatrice, in the North Sea. Beatrice consists of two REpower 5M turbines, one of the largest offshore wind turbines available in the world.

REpower UK is an award winning company and has a team of 60 people based in Edinburgh and across the UK. It is wholly owned by REpower Systems AG which operates in 11 countries worldwide.