

VertAx adds major Civil Engineering Group to its Project Team



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London – 17th November, 2009 – VertAx Wind Limited, a privately owned British company, announced today at an event hosted by The Concrete Centre, that it has expanded its engineering development team by inclusion of BAM Nuttall, also of the UK, one of Europe's major civil engineering contractors, in developing and fabricating its vertical axis 10 MW offshore wind turbine generator.

BAM Nuttall will play a vital role within the VertAx team in developing and fabricating an economic concrete support tower and associated foundation for this multi-megawatt machine in the marine environments of the United Kingdom and Europe. BAM Nuttall will also provide all of the on-shore and near-shore facilitation works that will be required in the construction and assembly of this new wind turbine generator.

"VertAx is extremely pleased to have BAM Nuttall as a member of our project development team," said Peter Hunter, VertAx' Chairman. "They join a group of world class experts working on this engineering development who include:

- Converteam – Electrical generation (www.converteam.com)
- Gifford – Structural design (www.gifford.uk.com)
- Slingsby Composites – Blade development (www.slingsby.co.uk)
- Northwest Composites Centre (www.futurecomposites.org.uk)
- SeaRoc Group – marine deployment (www.searoc.com)

"VertAx is an exciting opportunity for BAM Nuttall to bring its expertise and experience to meet the unique challenges of the offshore environment and contribute to delivering the targets for offshore wind," said David Belsham, BAM Nuttall main board director. "VertAx has assembled an outstanding team, its plans are unique and the proposed turbine represents a very real opportunity to develop a significant UK player in the offshore wind industry"

Notes to editors:

VertAx is based in Guildford, UK, and is entering the second phase of its engineering development of a 10 MW vertical axis wind turbine generator designed specifically for the offshore market. The company is hopeful of attracting UK government support in its quest for lowering the cost of offshore wind energy and creating a fully home grown product with considerable potential for job creation within the British Isles and export opportunities.

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BAM Nuttall is one of the UK's leading civil engineering contractors, with a current turnover of £650 million. The company operates throughout the country and has a strong regional presence with over 20 offices and plant depots. BAM Nuttall is an operating company of the Dutch based construction company Royal BAM Group, which reported for 2008 a consolidated net profit result of € 162 million and a turnover of € 8.83 billion.

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