

## VertAx Strengthens Project Team with addition of significant Offshore Engineering Group

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**Hamburg – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2009** – VertAx Wind Limited, a privately owned British company, announced today at the Hamburg Offshore Wind conference hosted by Germanischer Lloyd Wind, that it has expanded its engineering development team by including the SeaRoc Group (“SeaRoc”), also of the UK, one of Europe’s leading players in offshore renewable projects, to play a major role in designing the deployment of its vertical axis 10 MW offshore wind turbine generator.

SeaRoc will play a vital role within the VertAx team in developing safe and reliable methods of deploying this multi-megawatt machine in the marine environments of the United Kingdom, Europe and elsewhere and with its wealth of offshore operational experience will ensure practical and safe methods of installation of this very large wind turbine generator.

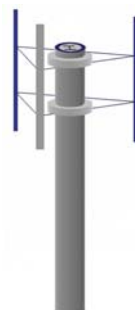
“VertAx is extremely pleased to have SeaRoc as members of our project development team,” said Peter Hunter, VertAx’ Chairman. “They join a group of world class experts working on this engineering development who include:

- convertteam – Electrical generation ([www.convertteam.com](http://www.convertteam.com))
- Gifford – Structural design ([www.gifford.uk.com](http://www.gifford.uk.com))
- Slingsby Composites – Blade development ([www.slingsby.co.uk](http://www.slingsby.co.uk))

“VertAx is an exciting opportunity for SeaRoc to bring its expertise and experience to meet the unique challenges of the offshore environment and contribute to delivering on the targets for offshore wind,” said Peter Hodgetts, Chief Executive of the SeaRoc Group. “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”

SeaRoc is headquartered in Brighton, UK, and is one of the world’s top consultants to developers of offshore wind energy projects. SeaRoc provides a comprehensive and experienced consulting service that delivers innovative and robust engineering solutions specifically focused on the offshore renewables industry. Further information can be obtained by contacting: Sam Pryor – Business Development Manager at [sam.pryor@searoc.com](mailto:sam.pryor@searoc.com) or telephone + 44 1273 725259

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. Further information can be obtained by contacting: Peter Hunter at [peter.hunter@vertaxwind.com](mailto:peter.hunter@vertaxwind.com) or telephone +44 7962 222561.



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