Main suppliers and partners

About Ørsted
Ørsted has a vision of creating a world that runs entirely on green energy. Ørsted develops, builds and operates offshore wind farms, bioenergy plants and innovative solutions that convert waste into energy and supplies its customers with intelligent energy products. Ørsted has 5,600 employees and is headquartered in Denmark. Read more at orsted.com

About PensionDanmark
PensionDanmark is a non-profit labour market pension fund administering the pension schemes of more than 700,000 wage earners. Our members work in 25,700 private and public companies and are covered by collective agreements between 11 trade unions and 29 employers’ associations. PensionDanmark received DKK 12.8 billion in contributions in 2016 and manages investments of a total of DKK 230 billion.

About PKA
PKA is one of Denmark’s largest pension funds. PKA has 300,000 members working at hospitals, in eldercare, in social services and other mainly public institutions. On their behalf, PKA manages investments of a total of DKK 250 billion.
Green energy for more than 400,000 Danish households

Technical key data

- Wind turbines: Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, SWT 3.6-120
- Number of wind turbines: 111
- Wind turbine capacity: 3.6 MW
- Total capacity: 400 MW
- Hub height: 81.6 metres
- Rotor diameter: 120 metres
- Total height: 141.6 metres
- Weight, blade: 19 tonnes
- Weight, tower: 200 tonnes
- Weight, nacelle: 195 tonnes
- Total weight: 450 tonnes
- Weight, foundation: 440–630 tonnes
- Pile driving depth: 18-36 metres
- Water depth: 15-19 metres
- Length, monopile: 37-55 metres
- Cut-in wind speed: 4 m/s
- Full production: from 13%
- Distance to shore: 15 kilometres
- Offshore wind farm area: 88 square kilometres
- Construction period: 2012-2013
- Commissioned: Summer 2013
Many companies have won contracts following a European public procurement process, a number of suppliers were awarded contracts for delivery of parts and services. MT Høegh (DK) was responsible for the production and installation of foundations and used Blast Industries A/S (DK) as a sub-supplier for the production of monopiles and transition pieces. Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (DK) delivered and installed the wind turbines. Nexans Deutschland GmbH (DE) supplied the array cables connecting the wind turbines to the transformer platform.

Ballast Nedam Equipment Services (NL) supplied the main vessel for the installation of the foundation, and A2SEA A/S (DK) supplied the vessels for the installation of the offshore wind turbines. Finally, GEO (DK) conducted the geotechnical and geophysical surveys.

Energinet constructed and now operates the offshore substation. The power is converted from 33kV to 220kV before being sent to shore via a 25-kilometre submarine cable. The carbon-free energy is fed into the Danish power grid at Trige near Aarhus.

Skilled people make the blades turn. At 2012/2013, Ørsted established a service organisation with up to 70 permanent jobs in order to operate and maintain Anholt Offshore Wind Farm. In the five-year guarantee period, Ørsted will operate the wind farm in cooperation with turbine supplier Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy. When the guarantee period expires, Ørsted will take over full responsibility for operation and maintenance of the offshore wind farm.

The service organisation consists of highly skilled wind turbine technicians, service vessel crew and administrative functions. Anholt Offshore Wind Farm is operated locally from new offices, storage and workshop facilities in Grenaa located directly on the quay, providing easy access to the service vessels.

In the summer period, the technicians perform scheduled service and work intensively in shifts of 12 hours per day for seven days, after which they’re off duty for seven days. In the winter, only repair and start-up of defective wind turbines are performed.

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Green growth in the wake of Anholt Offshore Wind Farm

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Anholt Offshore Wind Farm was one of Denmark's largest construction projects. It took a total of three years from the award of the contract in 2010 until the entire offshore wind farm was commissioned in 2013. The actual construction phase only lasted 18 months.