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James Fisher Renewables - EDS wins significant high voltage safety management commissioning contract for Saint-Brieuc Offshore Wind Farm



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EDS, part of James Fisher Renewables, has been awarded a substantial contract to deliver the high voltage safety management commissioning phase at Ailes Marines – Iberdrola’s Saint-Brieuc Offshore Wind Farm in Brittany, northern France.

EDS will be responsible for managing all aspects of high voltage safety throughout construction of the wind farm, including overseeing electrical safety for all contractors visiting the site.

Leveraging its considerable experience of energising wind farms safely and efficiently, EDS will help ensure a smooth transition from commissioning through to the operations and maintenance phase at Saint-Brieuc. Seamless interface integration will mitigate potential loss of key information as the project progresses, helping to further ensure the safety of all contractors.



In addition to EDS's own team, local personnel will be brought in to assist with the control function on the project, generating jobs for the local economy and developing local content.

Saint-Brieuc is the first large-scale wind farm to be built off the coast of Brittany in north-west France. It will have an installed capacity of 496MW, making it capable of generating enough clean energy for 835,000 people.

Commissioning work at Saint-Brieuc begins in Q4 2021 and will ramp up throughout 2022, ahead of the wind farm becoming fully operational in 2023.

Wayne Mulhall, Managing Director at EDS HV, says:

"We are delighted to be using our extensive experience of managing high voltage systems to assist Ailes Marines - Iberdrola during this critical phase of the development of Saint-Brieuc Offshore Wind Farm, having previously worked with them on the development of East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm in the North Sea.

Safety management at offshore wind farms is critical and our expertise in this area will ensure all contractors on site receive the high-voltage safety training necessary for the project to run safely and efficiently."

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