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Press Release



ATS Aims High With New Towers

**Advanced Tower Systems (ATS) on growth path with new company structure
Presentation at EWEA wind fair 2013 in Vienna next week**

German-Dutch joint venture Advanced Tower Systems (ATS) successfully closed its business year 2012 and has entered 2013 with a new company structure. Up until now, more than 20 wind turbines have been equipped with ATS steel-concrete-hybrid towers. Prospectively, there will be even more ATS projects but also new responsibilities within the company: While ATS B.V. enhances engineering services as well as the license business outside of Europe, ATS Construction GmbH in Europe is responsible for sales, project development and construction. Both ATS companies are joint ventures between Dutch engineering company MECAL and the German juwi group. ATS Construction GmbH is headed by Claus Herting, an experienced manager with a proven track record in the wind energy industry. Before joining juwi, Herting was with REpower Systems SE and the specialists in tower construction. SIAG.

The highlight project in 2012 was the construction of 16 towers at the Gau-Bickelheim wind farm, about 30 kilometers southwest of Mainz/Germany. Characteristic for this wind farm are wind turbines with hub heights of 145 meters. On top of the towers 16 Kenersys K110 wind turbines generate up to 40 megawatts of total capacity. "As in many other wind farms, the ATS concept has proved to be the right choice for Gau-Bickelheim", Herting summarizes. "Due to their slim concrete elements, our towers significantly reduce costs and time – for the logistics during the transport as well as for the installation on site", the ATS Managing Director outlines the advantages of the ATS tower system. This year, ATS will construct 40 additional towers and thus double its project capacity. For the time being, the focus will be on wind projects in low-wind regions. Here, high towers significantly increase the energy yield.

There are two reasons that ATS aims high in the future: Firstly, almost every wind turbine of

reputable manufacturers can be combined with ATS towers. Secondly, ATS offers its towers to all project developers. "This way, we can participate even more in the growing markets for wind turbines with high hub heights. We offer the market a reliable and economically attractive alternative to other tower systems", Herting emphasizes. The two renowned parent companies MECAL and juwi as well as the 20 members of the ATS team who have been active in the wind industry for years guarantee high standards and competencies. "Taking advantage of the first projects we will expand the product range of our towers for several other turbine manufacturers. In the future, we will also serve new markets, for example in Scandinavia," says Herting.

ATS will present its portfolio to its customers and business partners – wind turbine manufacturers, suppliers and project developers – at the EWEA wind fair in Vienna from February 4th until February 7th. Visit the ATS team in Hall B, booth A40. For further information on Advanced Tower Systems (ATS) please also check the company's website at www.hybridtowers.eu.

About the juwi group

juwi is one of the world's leading specialists for renewable energies with a strong regional presence and offers project development as well as products for the energy turnaround. Our goal: 100 percent renewable energies. Our impetus: Work together to implement renewable energies economically and reliably with passion. From site selection to planning, construction and financing up to management – juwi is the competent partner for the energy turnaround with a regional focus.

About MECAL

MECAL offers more than 20 years of global experience and expertise on wind energy. Our goal is to provide our clients worldwide with the technology and knowledge to produce energy more (cost) efficiently and in a reliable way. MECAL was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Enschede, the Netherlands. With over 150 professionals working worldwide, we have offices in the Netherlands, USA, Denmark and Japan.

About ATS

Advanced Tower Systems (ATS) is an innovative company in the wind energy industry. We build hybrid as well as precast concrete towers for today's needs and tomorrow's demands. ATS hybrid towers offer an economically and logistically attractive alternative to conventional steel towers as our towers are designed for stronger and higher wind turbines. Due to higher operational heights ATS hybrid towers increase the energy yield. ATS is a joint venture between MECAL and the juwi group.

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