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**Subject: Release of Global Wind Organisation “Basic Safety Training” standard**

To whom it may concern,

The Global Wind Organisation (GWO) is proud to announce its first release of the “Basic Safety Training” standard to be used by members and their sub-contractors in the wind industry. Others are allowed to use the standard as well.

### **Background**

The object of GWO is to support an injury-free work environment for construction and operation of wind farms on- and offshore.

To support this GWO has developed a standard for basic safety training to provide personal working at the wind farms with sufficient knowledge to obtain this target. GWO will continue to develop and maintain basic safety training in the industry.

The Basic Safety Training standard includes an educational block consisting of:

- First aid
- Manual handling
- Fire Awareness
- Working at heights
- Sea survival

Prior to entering the training course, the trainee has to hold a valid medical certificate, like e.g. UK OOA, G41, Seaman Medicals or company specific medicals.

The standard is based on risk assessments and factual incidents/accidents statistics within the industry. The standard defines demands and approves setups for the industry training providers.

The standard enables people that have been trained according to the specifications to have this training approved among all members of GWO.

The Basic Safety Training Standard describes the acceptable risk based level of training to be completed prior to entering a wind farm as a technician, engineer e.g. performing erection or maintenance of/within a wind turbine.

GWO has aligned the common basic safety training to be a standard for the industry and meet the highest quality level. Basic safety training is recognized not be a competitive edge for the industry but a common area of interest to ensure a safe place to work.

GWO does acknowledge that change of legal or customer requirements might require a higher level of basic training demands. GWO members will at all times follow these requirements. The intent of GWO is to maintain a state-of-the-art safety training based on a risk assessment approach and to include factual evidence to support the development.

**The GWO “Basic Safety Training” standard consists of the following;**

- a) The Basic Safety Training program. This includes objectives and targets for each module within,
- b) A document providing the criteria’s to become an approved training provider under GWO, and
- c) A document providing the criteria’s to be an approved certification body to function as a custodian of the GWO Basic Safety Training standard.

**Implementation of the Basic Safety Training standard;**

The members of GWO have agreed to gradually implement the standard. After the rollout in February 2012, there will be a transition period until end March 2013 for Europa for full implementation and end October 2013 for rest of the world. This will allow members, sub-contractors, training providers and certification bodies to proper implement the standard.

GWO has planned four introductions meetings in March 2012 in four locations – Spain, United Kingdom, Denmark and Germany. This will provide an opportunity for organisations, training providers, utility owners, manufactures and other parties interested in the GWO Standard to learn more about the standard and setup. Four Thursday’s in March has been chosen as follows;

- 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2012. Hosted by DONG Energy in Copenhagen. Address details will be distributed to the individuals registered for the meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2012. Hosted by DONG Energy in London. Address details will be distributed to the individuals registered for the meeting.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2012. Hosted by Vestas Wind Systems in Hamburg. Address details will be distributed to the individuals registered for the meeting.
- 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2012. Host still to be determined. The meeting will take place in Spain. Address details will be distributed to the individuals registered for the meeting.

All meeting will start at 10.00 and will end no later than 15.00.

Registration is needed to attend the meeting. This is done by sending an E-mail to [hma@falcknutec.dk](mailto:hma@falcknutec.dk) at least 10 days prior to the preferred meeting dates. There will be limitation on the number of participants for each of the meetings.

At the introduction meeting you will find members from the GWO Training and Steering Committees to support and answer your questions.

GWO will at the meetings create a FAQ overview. After the last meeting all participants will receive the complete list of FAQ's.

Program for introductions outside Europa will follow.

### **Where to find the documents relating to the standard?**

GWO are working very closely with the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) to seek permission to upload and published the documents on their Webpage. The final permission is expected around March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. It is important to stress that EWEA will only host the documents and will not be in a position to answer any questions related to the GWO Basic Safety Training standard. Link to EWEA Webpage is <http://www.ewea.org> . In the meantime please use the E-mail address listed below to receive the GWO documents.

If you have any questions related to the standard, please send an E-mail to Helle Meiling [hma@falcknutec.dk](mailto:hma@falcknutec.dk) , the secretary of GWO, and she or a member of GWO will contact you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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