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Industry heavy hitter appointed project development director for Salamander floating wind farm

Ørsted, Simply Blue Group and Subsea7 have appointed Hugh Yendole as development director for Salamander, a pioneering floating offshore wind joint venture.

With over 25 years' experience in the wind industry, Hugh has played a crucial role in delivering and managing multiple ground-breaking offshore and onshore developments across the UK, Europe and the US. Most notable examples include Ørsted's London Array, Burbo and Walney Extensions, and Hornsea 1. His expertise spans senior positions in project development, engineering, asset and technology management.

Hugh joins the project from within Ørsted, where he remains employed, and has spent 12 years across various key roles, most recently as director and asset manager for Ørsted's west coast UK offshore wind farms.

Starting at the end of summer, Hugh will be responsible for the overarching delivery of the project, managing commercial negotiations and developing stakeholder relationships.

Hugh said: "I'm really looking forward to heading Salamander. It is a pioneering stepping-stone project ushering in an exciting new era of possibilities for green energy generation. It's a privilege to be joining the talented team already supporting this revolutionary project.

"Salamander provides a fantastic opportunity to show that floating offshore wind can significantly contribute to the UK's energy mix, help us meet the net zero targets set by the Scottish and UK governments, and build a UK-focused supply chain. The ongoing efforts from the Ørsted, Simply Blue Group and Subsea7 teams prove that collaboration is essential to successfully driving windfarm projects from start to finish."

Prior to Hugh Yendole's appointment, Salamander was led by Huw Bell who successfully acted as a caretaker for the project and will remain on board to oversee its delivery.

To be located 35km off the coast of Peterhead, the 100 MW Salamander floating offshore wind farm will generate enough green energy to power 100,000 Scottish homes, making it a key contributor to the delivery of the Scottish Government's offshore wind target of 11GW by 2030.

Salamander will also provide vital insights and help establish best practices for future commercial scale developments in Scottish waters, ahead of the larger-scale ScotWind buildout.

Further information on the wind farm can be found at: www.salamanderfloatingwind.com.

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Notes to editors:**About Salamander Floating Offshore Wind**

The 100MW Salamander floating wind project, a joint venture between Ørsted, Simply Blue Group and Subsea7, will be a major contributor to ensuring the UK government's target of delivering 5GW of operational floating offshore wind by 2030 is both achievable and to the maximum benefit of public and private stakeholders.

The pioneering project, located 35km off Peterhead on the East Coast of Scotland, is designed to provide the Scottish supply chain with an early capacity development opportunity, enabling it to play a much greater role in subsequent large-scale floating offshore wind buildout.

The project will deploy innovative and cutting-edge floating offshore wind technologies to support the cost reduction and learning journey needed for the commercial deployment of floating offshore wind.

About Ørsted

The Ørsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. Ørsted develops, constructs and operates offshore and onshore wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, and bioenergy plants, and provides energy products to its customers. Globally, Ørsted is the market leader in offshore wind and it is constructing the world's biggest offshore wind farms off the UK's East Coast.

Ørsted is recognised on the CDP Climate Change A-List as a global leader on climate action and was the first energy company in the world to have its science-based net-zero emissions target validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). Headquartered in Denmark, Ørsted employs approx. 8,000 people, including over 1,100 in the UK.

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Simply Blue Group is committed to creating new economic opportunities for coastal communities, and developing projects that co-exist with sustainable fisheries and marine conservation.

With a passionate team of over 100 people, Simply Blue Group has offices in Cork, Dublin, Newquay, Pembrokeshire, Edinburgh, Hamburg, Bilbao, Oregon, and Nova Scotia.

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