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# Community Newsletter

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# Signing off after an exciting year

Season's greetings from Salamander! As another busy year comes to a close, we would like to thank you again for your continued support of our project.

This newsletter shares some updates with you to round out the year. We look forward to kicking off 2026 together, as we get another step closer to our innovative project hitting the water.

**Wishing you a happy festive season, from the Salamander team!**



## A message from our new Project Director



We've had an exciting year on the project, as we move on from the consenting phase. I'm thrilled to be able to share some updates with you in the third edition of our newsletter.

Since our last bulletin, both our onshore and offshore consents applications have been approved by the relevant authorities, allowing us to begin to focus on the technical engineering aspects of the project. We have also entered into a new Joint Venture partnership, with Odfjell Oceanwind replacing Orsted as major shareholder and delivery partner.

In this edition, we'll introduce the new team, update you on the progress we've made this year and let you know of some of our upcoming plans in the area.

**- Dennis L. Dickhausen**

# Our Senior Project Team

Some new faces have joined the project team. You may recognise some old faces from our public engagement so far, who are continuing to work to deliver Salamander.

**"I'm working to make Salamander a success because..."**



"...it will be the next step to provide the world with clean energy"

**Dennis L. Dickhausen**  
Project Director



"...because the project will progress the path to the diverse renewable energy portfolio that the world needs, in order to decarbonise as many sectors and jurisdictions globally as possible"

**Tom Brown**  
Engineering Manager



"...so that we can shape policy for and grant confidence to the industry for the future pipeline delivery, and support economic development in Aberdeenshire"

**Charlotte Cochrane**  
Stakeholder & Policy Manager



"...because I believe these projects represent great opportunities for local businesses and local employment which, living locally in Aberdeenshire, is another important positive driver for me"

**Marten Meynell**  
Consents Manager



"...because I believe it, and the subsequent offshore wind projects planned for northeast Scotland, will help to significantly progress the development of Scotland's offshore wind industry while reducing our collective carbon emissions"

**Huw Bell**  
Commercial Manager



"...to build a sustainable supply chain for offshore floating wind"

**Ian Malcolmson**  
Procurement Manager



"...I want to help set new standards for safety, collaboration and sustainability"

**Cathrine Heggen**  
QHSE Manager



"...to help the environment and support cost optimisation in floating offshore wind"

**Christer Skorpen**  
Project Control Manager



"...I want to contribute to building the next generation's energy systems"

**Håkon Hernes**  
O&M Manager



"...because demonstrating and advancing innovative technologies such as floating wind is essential to address the climate crisis; the project supports Scotland's energy independence and it will develop the local economy further."

**Stefan Rieger**  
Finance Manager

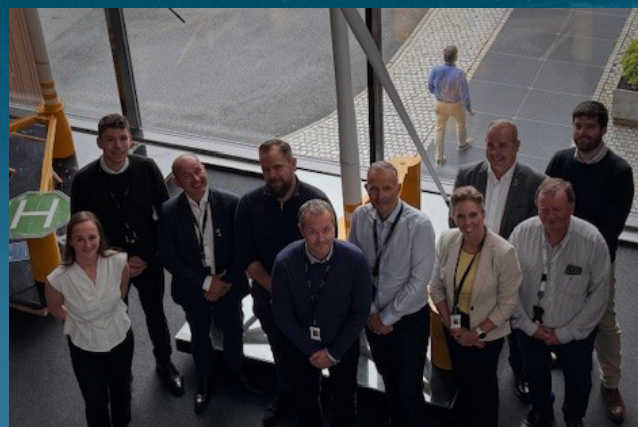


"...so that we can set a new benchmark for floating offshore wind in the North Sea."

**Terje Børseth**  
Execution Manager

# Our new partnership

Enduring partners **Simply Blue Group** and **Subsea7** are now joined by **Odfjell Oceanwind**. Since late August, the team have been busy working together as one team to deliver the project.



The Senior Project team at our new JV kick-off meeting at Odfjell Oceanwind's offices

## A year of progress

We have hit a number of critical milestones this year, enabling us to progress to the next stage of development.

In March, we were awarded Planning Permission in Principle for our onshore substation and associated infrastructure.

In July, we were awarded Section 36 consent to generate electricity offshore, enabling us to shift our focus to more technical elements of the development.

In August, we signed our Option Agreement with Crown Estate Scotland for seabed lease.

In October, we were awarded Section 36 consent for our onshore battery storage facility by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.

These approvals allow us to fulfil our full potential as a stepping-stone project, providing local supply chain organisations a chance to contribute to technologies that will be needed in the wider commercial build-out of floating wind.

Through a series of consultation events in Peterhead and Crimond during 2023 and 2024, we invited stakeholders to engage with our team to find out more about our project plans and address any concerns they may have. Where possible, relevant feedback has been fed into the project's design and consent applications. We are grateful for the community's continued support and look forward to involving local stakeholders in the ongoing development of the project, needed in the wider commercial build-out of floating wind.

# Adoption of Odfjell Oceanwind's Deepsea Star™ foundation

- Salamander has adopted Odfjell Oceanwind's Deepsea Star™ floating offshore wind foundation technology.
- This will shape future design and supply chain decisions, such as which port(s) the project will use at each stage.
- The Deepsea Star™ is a semi-submersible steel foundation designed to carry large turbines in harsh environments. It has been designed for efficient low-cost fabrication and flexibility with regard to local assembly.
- The foundation has a low-carbon footprint and is recyclable.
- The Deepsea Star™ has recently been awarded Basic Design Approval by DNV. This approval provides certainty to safety regulators, banks, insurance companies, developers and suppliers that the Deepsea Star design can be trusted.
- You can read more about the supply chain commitments we made as part of our seabed lease Option Agreement in our [Supply Chain Development Statement \(SCDS\) Outlook](#) on Crown Estate Scotland's website.



Odfjell Oceanwind's Deepsea Star™ foundation design



## Site and supplier visits in November

- Some of the team visited the onshore site at Lunderton and some key supply chain stakeholders in mid-November.
- We arrived at the site to meet Land Agent James Petty, of Bell Ingram, with whom we discussed the plans for our substation and associated infrastructure in the real-world context. Following this, we trudged down the dunes to our landfall area on Scotstown Beach in a biting wind, luckily accompanied by mercifully dry skies.
- We then headed to Peterhead for a lunch of freshly-caught fish and chips and Irn Bru at the Dolphin Café.
- After lunch, we visited the Port of Aberdeen's South Harbour facility, where they showed us their newly upgraded quayside and presented their plans, including for a ring crane.
- We ended the day at OREC's Floating Offshore Wind Innovation Centre at Altens, where they showed us their cable flex fatigue testing rig, suction bucket prototype facility and dynamic Get Up Safe laser test rig in action.



# Our proposed Community Benefit Fund

- We are committed to delivering a Community Benefit Fund that aligns with the needs and priorities of the community. The project has therefore taken the decision to carry out public consultation on the fund closer to construction so that it reflects current local priorities and needs.
- The local community and representatives, such as Aberdeenshire Council and the Buchan Development Partnership, will continue to be consulted when we progress to shaping the fund's parameters. We look forward to engaging with you when the time comes.

## Onshore surveys

We are considering conducting onshore surveys during the first half of 2026. Disruption will be minimal with access to the core path maintained as far as possible.



Scotstown Beach  
(image courtesy of ERM)

# Keep in touch

If you have an email address, please sign up for future newsletters on our website, below.

If you are a local supplier and would like to get involved with the project, please register your interest in working with us on our supply chain portal, also on our website.

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