

## Siemens in Cuxhaven – A Chance for the Regional Economy

### HWG Port Business Day 2015 offers outlook on the offshore wind business development in Cuxhaven

**Cuxhaven, 4 December 2015 – This year’s Business Day of the Cuxhaven Port Association (HWG) focussed on offshore wind energy. Since the settlement of a new Siemens turbine manufacturing facility was announced in August, the port location has been preparing the project’s realisation as well as for further developments in the offshore wind business.**

At the annual information event organised by the HWG, the Siemens project was presented to the HWG members as well as to trade professionals from the offshore wind industry. Dr Thorsten Granzow, project manager at Siemens AG for the new manufacturing facility, explained: “The set-up of the offshore wind industry in Germany has been gathering speed – as is shown by the already completed projects and operational wind farms in the North and Baltic Sea as well as the Atlantic. The next task is to maintain this momentum and to further push the switch to renewable energies. When the manufacturing facility enters operation in summer 2017, it will produce more than 100 D7 turbines per year – a new, gearless turbine generation with seven megawatt performance.”

Dr Hans-Joachim Stietzel, Managing Director of the Economic Development Agency of Cuxhaven and member of the board of the HWG, offered an outlook on the regional economic effects this new settlement will have on Cuxhaven. “The production of Siemens wind energy turbines in Cuxhaven will bring further industry settlements, investments and jobs – we look forward to this and are currently doing all we can to prepare and accompany these developments. The regional economic effects for Cuxhaven and the region do not just include new jobs, but also an improvement of the infrastructure and of the location’s image, an increase of the purchasing power, an upturn of the real estate market as well as positive effects in scientific and technological spheres,” said Stietzel.

After the lectures, speakers and guests used the opportunity to network and discuss chances and possibilities for offshore wind and the economic development of Cuxhaven.

Hans-Peter Zint, chairman of the HWG and managing director of Cuxport GmbH, was pleased with the event: „Public authorities, political representatives and the port businesses closely worked together with a strong long term commitment in order to enable the Siemens settlement. This huge success holds tremendous potential, not only for the regional businesses but also for Cuxhaven’s offshore base port. That is why it is important for us to present this significant project to the regional economy as well as to the offshore wind industry.”

# Press Release



## About the HWG

The Cuxhaven Port Association (HWG) represents the interests of Cuxhaven's maritime companies, institutions and private individuals and focusses on the marketing and further development of this port at the mouth of the river Elbe. The HWG is also campaigning to make Cuxhaven the most important port for offshore wind power in Germany.

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