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## **Newly built Bibby WaveMaster1 plans voyage for Galloper**

- ***State-of-the-art offshore Walk to Work service vessel***
- ***Vessel's maiden voyage for the Galloper project this Autumn***
- ***Innovative design and dynamic positioning technology***

innogy, the company leading the construction of the Galloper offshore wind farm, will be deploying the newly built Bibby WaveMaster1 Offshore Service Vessel this autumn. It will be the vessel's first significant charter, and the first time innogy have used a Walk to Work offshore service vessel in UK waters during the commissioning phase of a project. The UK registered vessel has been built by Damen on behalf of its owners Bibby Marine Services who will take ownership of it in August.

Toby Edmonds, Galloper Project Director, said: "Much of our offshore commissioning activity will take place in the North Sea during the challenging autumn and winter months. The vessel design includes a built for purpose hull and dynamic positioning technology. This will allow our workforce to exploit weather windows in higher sea states to access and carry out work on the turbines and the substation. The specialist Walk To Work Uptime gangway and multi stop elevator will also enable the team to access offshore assets in wave heights of up to two metres.

He added: "Unlike traditional crew transfer vessels, the Bibby WaveMaster1 enables us to be offshore for up to four weeks at a time. Whilst we will have a complement including crew and technicians of around forty, the vessel can accommodate up to ninety."

The Bibby WaveMaster1 was chartered by James Fisher Marine Services, Galloper's main offshore marine services contractor, following a selection

process, which has secured the vessel for a three month contract with options to extend to support the offshore commissioning phase of the works.

Martin Sisley, Managing Director of Renewables at James Fisher & Sons plc said:

“James Fisher Marine Services is pleased to further support the Galloper project by securing Bibby WaveMaster 1 to support the commissioning activity on the wind farm.

The construction of the Galloper project, which is expected to be complete by Spring 2018, is being led on behalf of the project partners by innogy SE. Once operational the project will generate enough power for up 336,000 homes<sup>1</sup>.

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#### Notes to editor

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm is a wind farm in construction about 30km off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an expected investment potential of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of around 336,000 average UK households (FN1). Following Financial Close of the project in October 2015 the GWFL project announced the equal joint equity partnership of 25% each between RWE Innogy UK (now innogy SE), UK Green Investment Bank, Siemens Financial Services and Macquarie Capital.

#### About innogy SE

innogy SE is Germany's leading energy company, with revenue of around €44 billion (2016), more than 40,000 employees and activities in 16 countries across Europe. With its three business segments Grid & Infrastructure, Retail and Renewables, innogy addresses the requirements of a modern, decarbonised, decentralised and digital energy world. Its activities focus on its 23 million customers, and on offering them innovative and sustainable products and services which enable them to use energy more efficiently and improve their quality of life. The key markets are Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Belgium, as well as several countries in Central Eastern and South Eastern Europe, especially the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. In renewable power generation, the company is also active in other regions, e.g. Spain, Italy and the MENA region (Middle East, North Africa), with a total capacity of 3.7 gigawatts. As a leader of innovation in future-oriented fields like eMobility, we are represented in the international hot-spots of the technology industry such as Silicon Valley, Tel Aviv, London and Berlin. We combine the extensive expertise of our energy technicians and engineers with digital technology partners, from start-ups to major corporates. With planned capital investments of around €6.5- €7.0 billion (2017-2019), we are building the power market of the future and driving forward the transformation of the energy market.

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<sup>1</sup> Energy predicted to be generated by the proposal is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to suitable reanalysis weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of up to 336MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as further data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4500 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK Statistics Authority.

innogy was formed from the restructuring of the RWE Group and started operations on 1 April 2016. Its IPO in October 2016 made innogy SE Germany's most valuable energy company.

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#### Renewables

With an installed capacity of more than 900 megawatts in offshore wind and with over 1900 megawatts in onshore wind, innogy is one of the major operators in Europe. We plan, build and operate plants to generate power and extract energy from renewable sources. Our aim is to take the expansion of renewables in Europe further in the short term, both on our own and working with partners. We believe that working together in this way is the key to making the energy transition a success. Currently, we are particularly strongly represented in our home market, Germany, followed by the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands and Poland. At the moment we are focusing on continuing to expand our activities in onshore and offshore wind power. We are also looking at entering new markets and technologies, such as large-scale photovoltaic plants.

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