

Press release

RWE signs framework agreement for monopile foundations with Steelwind to secure capacity for future offshore wind farms

- **Production capacities for up to 300 monopiles reserved in a tight market; monopiles to be used at RWE's offshore wind projects in Europe that are to be commissioned from end of 2029 onwards**
- **200 monopiles to be manufactured in Steelwind's German production facility from 2027 onwards, option for further 100 monopiles**
- **Option for RWE to secure additional Steelwind services such as delivery of secondary steel structures, and storage and marshalling support**

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RWE has signed a Capacity Reservation Agreement with Steelwind Nordenham GmbH (Steelwind), a Dillinger Group company, for up to 300 monopile foundations for its future offshore wind projects in Europe. Through this contract, RWE has secured production capacities in a tight market.

Dr Holger Himmel, CFO RWE Offshore Wind: "Europe needs more offshore wind power to reach its ambitious climate targets. We are making our contribution and resolutely driving forward the expansion of offshore wind in Europe and globally. By signing an agreement with Steelwind, RWE has taken a big step towards securing the necessary production capacity for monopile foundations and delivering our European offshore wind development projects. This type of framework agreement is exactly what we need given the challenging market conditions."

Steelwind will reserve capacity at its German monopile production plant in Nordenham for 320,000 metric tonnes of steel, equivalent to approximately 200 monopiles, over a 24-month period starting in 2027. The contract has an option to be extended for a further 12 months and provides an additional capacity of 160,000 metric tonnes of steel, the equivalent of around 100 monopiles. The monopiles made by Steelwind are to be used at offshore wind farms which RWE plans to commission in Europe from the end of 2029 onwards. In addition, the agreement gives RWE the option to take up additional services from Steelwind, such as secondary steel structure delivery, and the provision of storage and marshalling support.

Jost Backhaus, Managing Director of Steelwind Nordenham: "This framework agreement is yet another forward-looking step – for us as well as for Germany and Europe, whose ambitious climate targets can only be achieved with a major contribution from offshore wind."

This large-scale cooperation with RWE also highlights our leading role in the production of offshore monopiles made from Dillinger quality steel.”

Experienced partners in the offshore wind sector

With this Capacity Reservation Agreement, RWE, one of the world's leading companies in the field of renewable energies, and Dillinger, Europe's leading manufacturer of heavy plate steel, are continuing their long-standing collaboration.

RWE is one of the leading players in offshore wind globally. In the past 20 years, the company has put 19 offshore wind farms into operation, including six off the German coast. RWE has set itself the goal of tripling its global offshore wind capacity from 3.3 gigawatts today to 10 gigawatts in 2030.

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Both partners have agreed not to disclose financial details.

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Dillinger

Aktien-Gesellschaft der Dillinger Hüttenwerke (Dillinger) was founded in 1685 and today is a world leader in the manufacture of high-grade heavy plate steel. The Dillinger Group employs a total of around 6,200 people. High-tech plate from Dillinger is used to realize extraordinary and technically advanced projects all over the globe in the steel construction, mechanical engineering, offshore, offshore wind power, line pipe and pressure vessel construction sectors, as well as many others. www.dillinger.de

Steelwind Nordenham

Steelwind Nordenham, a company of the Dillinger Group in Nordenham, Germany, has been manufacturing monopiles and single-piece monopile foundations with unit weights of up to 2,400 tons for offshore wind farms since 2014. These monopiles can measure up to 120 meters in length. The steel for these highly advanced monopile foundations comes from Dillinger, Europe's leading manufacturer of heavy plate steel. Together the companies are driving the expansion of “green” energy with their products. More than 600 people are working at Steelwind every day to accomplish their mission of “Founding the Future”. www.steelwind-nordenham.de

RWE

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With its investment and growth strategy Growing Green, RWE is contributing significantly to the success of the energy transition and the decarbonisation of the energy system. Around 20,000 employees work for the company in almost 30 countries worldwide. RWE is already one of the leading companies in the field of renewable energy. Between 2024 and 2030, RWE will invest 55 billion euros worldwide in offshore and onshore wind, solar energy, batteries, flexible generation, and hydrogen projects. By the end of the decade, the company's green portfolio will grow to more than 65 gigawatts of generation capacity, which will be perfectly complemented by global energy trading. RWE is decarbonising its business in line with the 1.5-degree reduction pathway and will phase out coal by 2030. RWE will be net-zero by 2040. Fully in line with the company's purpose - Our energy for a sustainable life. www.rwe.com

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