

## Press Release

### Two new floating offshore wind turbines to be tested off Karmøy

Hexicon and another floating wind farm developer have purchased options at METCentre and will develop two different demonstration projects for floating offshore wind. These are pilot projects to commercialise two new floating offshore wind technologies.

Marine Energy Test Centre, Norway (METCentre) will assist with facilities for the testing of new floating offshore wind technology. A licence application for a new subsea cable and an expanded licence area will also be submitted to the Ministry of Oil and Energy, which can enable up to 85 MW of test capacity from 2022.

"This shows once again that Metcentre in Norway can offer the very best test areas for floating offshore wind demonstration in Europe. Our link to Norwegian Offshore Wind Cluster and their 280 members adds further value to the project and the offshore wind industry as a whole. This also strengthens Norway's position in floating offshore wind," says Arvid Nesse, CEO of METCentre.

Stockholm based Hexicon are developing wind power projects in deep water areas, and METCentre offers facilities and assistance in testing such new marine renewable energy technology. Both projects have signed option agreements to develop demo projects at METCentre's deep water area in Norway.

"This is not only a great opportunity to demonstrate Hexicon's patented technology and capabilities in project development, but primarily an important step for the floating offshore wind industry. With this project, we can demonstrate the clear benefits of floating offshore wind compared to both onshore and fixed-foundation offshore wind power, and how it will become a very relevant part of the future renewable energy mix," says Marcus Thor, CEO of Hexicon.

"We look forward to contributing to and bringing the projects of Hexicon to life over the next few years. In order to ensure that the Norwegian industry has leading expertise in floating offshore wind in the future, we depend on such projects. The option agreement with Hexicon shows the need for such test centres that are capable of supporting such technology development to further reduce cost in floating wind," concludes Arvid Nesse, CEO of METCentre.

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**About Hexicon**

Hexicon has developed a floating offshore wind foundation for deep water where there are two wind turbines per foundation. The company was founded in 2009 and has participated in development projects worldwide, including the world's largest floating wind farm outside South Korea. For more information, see [www.hexicon.eu](http://www.hexicon.eu).

**About METCentre**

Marine Energy Test Centre (METCentre) was founded in 2009, with a business concept to provide facilities for and assist with the testing of new marine renewable energy technology under different conditions. For more information, see: <https://metcentre.no/>