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ALE AT FINAL STAGES OF MAJOR WIND ENERGY CONTRACT IN THAILAND



ALE are approaching the final stages of one of its biggest wind energy contracts it has ever secured in Thailand.

ALE has been awarded a major contract for the transportation, crane lifting and installation of 24 x 2.5MW turbines to be erected on a project site in Khao Kho and another 30 x 2.5 MW turbines at Watabak, Thailand

The scope involves receiving the components from the vessel in several shipments over three months, before offloading and transporting them into a temporary storage facility at the port of Laem Chabang, Chonburi province, Thailand.

ALE are also responsible for transporting the components 620km to the site location, offloading and erecting the turbines, and finally the mechanical and electrical installation of all the components. ALE will then hand over to the client for the final commissioning.

ALE's Senior Project Manager, Keith Crowther, said: "We are delighted to have secured this contract and marks a major milestone for ALE, highlighting our growing presence in South East Asia's wind energy sector.

"ALE has made the significant investments to help meet the requirements of both existing and new clients in the region. As the towers grow higher and the diameter of the rotors increase to maximise the yield, we are investing in the latest technology to ensure that we can meet our clients' demands. We have invested heavily into this project and for future projects within the wind sector. We have employed 70 new members of staff and ordered new cranes, trucks, blade trailers, specialist tower transporters and extendable trailers to compliment the equipment already in Thailand."

ALE received the first shipment of components in October and has since installed 14 turbines. All components are expected to be delivered in May and the installation will complete in June. The second wind energy project in Watabak involving 30 turbines will commence around mid-May.

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Image 1: ALE transporting the one of the blades up a challengingly steep hill.

Image 2: Installation of one of the wind turbines.

NOTES TO EDITORS



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ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

ALE has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution.

Further information can be found on the ALE website at www.ale-heavylift.com