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## ALE INSTALLS SAUDI ARABIA'S FIRST-EVER WIND TURBINE



ALE has completed the whole turnkey solution to install the first-ever wind turbine in Saudi Arabia.

Starting in January, ALE was contracted for the transportation, erection and installation of one 2.75-120 wind turbine at a wind farm in Huraymila, around 80km north of Riyadh.

ALE received the wind turbine components from a vessel at the Jubail Industrial Port and transported them over 600km to Huraymila, using a combination of conventional trailers and a blade trailer. The blades measured up to 60m long, making the transportation particularly challenging.

Once the components arrived on site, they were offloaded using ALE's crawler and mobile cranes, ready for final wind turbine assembly. ALE utilised their expertise from the ALE's dedicated wind division, a team of wind installation technicians from ALE's South Africa branch, to handle and mechanically and electrically install the wind turbine into its final position.

"We are proud to be responsible for installing Saudi Arabia's first wind turbine. This is a major milestone not only in the country's renewable involvement, but also showcases our capabilities in offering the full TCI package to internationally-recognised standards," explained Andrew Spink, General Manager for ALE's branch in Saudi Arabia.

"We can utilise the most effective equipment and the some of the most highly qualified technicians in the industry to come together and deliver this turnkey solution."

This is the first of three renewables contracts ALE have been contracted for, with delivery of equipment for two solar energy power plants currently ongoing.

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**Image 1: ALE transport the 60m-long blade.**

**Image 2: ALE lifting the nacelle using their 600t crawler crane.**

**Image 3: ALE performing a rotor lift (blades and hub) using their 600t crawler crane.**



## NOTES TO EDITORS

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](http://www.ale-heavylift.com)