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ALE REACH RENEWABLE PROJECT MILESTONE IN NORWAY



ALE has successfully completed their first project milestone in a major joint Norwegian/German renewable energy project.

The global heavylift contractor has successfully delivered and installed the first two transformers for the Nordlink Project in Tonstad, Norway.

ALE has been contracted to provide the engineering, heavy transportation and installation of 14 transformers, weighing approximately 225t each. With seven being delivered to Tonstad, Norway, and seven being delivered to Wilster, Germany.

ALE commenced operations in June with the receiving of the transformers at the Port of Kvinesdal and transported them using the AL100 girder frame and 26 axle lines of conventional trailers along a very technically challenging 70km route through the Norwegian mountains.

Andrew Stephens, Technical Sales Manager for ALE, stated: "We are proud to have successfully reached the first critical milestone for the project. Reaching this point is testament to the hard work, effort and dedication by the whole project team to date. It also showcases how we are operating our new locally-based equipment for the project."

The NordLink project is the first girder frame project to be executed by ALE in Norway utilising its new locally based equipment and operations team. Referred to as the 'Green Cable' project, it sees the exchange of renewable energies between the Norwegian and German power grids. The project will allow exchange of renewable energies, especially hydroelectric power and wind power, between both countries. At 623km long, this will be one of the longest high voltage direct current (HVDC) connection in Europe

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Image 1: ALE delivering a transformer in Norway.

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 9001:2015, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2015, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. Further information can be found on the ALE website at www.ale-heavylift.com.

More information about the NordLink project can be found at the official project website here: <http://www.statnett.no/en/Projects/NORDLINK/>.