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## Basque company Haizea Wind to participate in the Saint Briec offshore wind farm that Iberdrola is developing in Brittany, France.

- It will assemble the 62 towers comprising the wind farm in a new assembly plant in the port of Brest, which will employ 35 professionals.

**Bilbao** - Haizea Wind, a company dedicated to the manufacture of wind towers and offshore foundations, will participate in the construction of the Saint Briec offshore wind farm, which Iberdrola is building in Brittany, France. The Basque company has been selected by Siemens Gamesa - the supplier of the wind turbines for this renewable facility - to carry out this task in the port of Brest, where the 62 towers that make up this wind farm will be assembled.

For this purpose, an assembly plant will be built, which will be operating by the end of 2022, and which will employ at least 35 new industrial jobs. The new infrastructure - with an investment of 11.8 million euros - has been financed by Ailes Marines, the Iberdrola company created to manage this offshore wind farm.

Haizea Wind has selected Fouré Lagadec, a specialist in industrial maintenance for the energy sector, to develop new tower assembly facilities. The workshop will occupy around 35,000 m<sup>2</sup> of the new polder in the port of the French city, from where the towers for the Saint-Briec offshore wind farm will be supplied.

The towers production will begin at Haizea Wind's facilities in the Port of Bilbao, where they will be manufactured and painted. Once this process is completed, the towers will be shipped to the workshop in the port of Brest, where the assembly will be completed. The 62 assembled towers will be delivered to Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) in 2023.

Borja Zarraga, CEO of Haizea Wind, said "we are committed to developing this type of initiative given the current circumstances: the present situation calls for a transition towards more sustainable economies, and the creation of this facility will contribute to the economic, social and environmental development of the region. We are aware of the challenge of such a project, but we are confident that together with Fouré Lagadec, as well as Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy and Ailes Marines, the facility in the port of Brest will have a major positive impact. France is an important market for us, and we are aware of the importance of local content, and I am confident that when Fouré

Lagadec's reputation is combined with our experience and know-how, we will offer the best offshore towers to our customers.”

Saint-Brieuc, with an investment of 2.4 billion euros, is Iberdrola's first offshore wind power project in Brittany. The farm, with a total installed capacity of 496 megawatts (MW), will be made up of 62 Siemens Gamesa SG 8.0-167 DD wind turbines, each with a capacity of 8 MW, and its output will supply clean energy to a population equivalent of 835,000 people, nearly 9% of Brittany's total electricity consumption.

Saint-Brieuc has a high Spanish participation in its construction: in addition to Haizea Wind, the wind turbines will be supplied by Siemens Gamesa and the jackets -platforms that support the offshore wind turbines- and the piles will be built and assembled by Navantia-Windar, in Fene (A Coruña) and Avilés (Asturias), respectively, allowing the generation of more than 2,000 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

### **ABOUT HAIZEA WIND**

Haizea Wind is a company dedicated to the manufacture of offshore wind towers, transition pieces (TPs) and foundations, located in the Port of Bilbao since its creation in 2018.

Haizea Wind is part of Haizea Wind Group (HWG), an industrial group focused on the design, manufacture and assembly of large metal structures for wind turbines. The Group has large facilities in Spain (Port of Bilbao, Agurain, Itziar and Aranda de Duero), Argentina and presents an ambitious expansion plan for the following years.

The companies and facilities of the group allow us to cover an important part of the supply chain of a WTG: HWG is a leading manufacturer of onshore and offshore towers as well as offshore foundations. HWG is also a global player in the casting and machining of large wind turbine components, including hubs, frames and shafts. With more than 1,000 people employed, HWG plans to become the next global wind supplier.

Currently, both Haizea Wind and HWG are in a major growth period. During 2020, the Group has reached a turnover of 130 million Euros and forecasts suggest that turnover will reach 180 million Euros in 2021. Moreover, the Group is the largest supplier of offshore towers in southern Europe. In addition to the projects planned in France, the group plans to further increase its geographical presence in other regions, such as the United Kingdom, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. It also plans to continue developing other components, such as monopile foundations.