

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Naval Energies Joins Offshore Wind California

**Naval Energies announced today that it has joined Offshore Wind California, an international association of offshore wind developers and technology companies focused on the California market. Founded in October 2019 in San Francisco, the association represents industry leaders who support a goal of 10 gigawatts (GW) of installed offshore wind capacity in California by 2040.**

Adam Stern, executive director of Offshore Wind California, commented: “We are very pleased to welcome Naval Energies to our organization. This French company will bring new talent and expertise to the California market. We look forward to working with the Naval Energies team as we advance policies for the responsible development of offshore wind in California.”

Laurent Schneider-Maunoury, president of Naval Energies, said: “We are delighted to join this collaborative venture with the companies in this association, both American and European, who share our desire to contribute to the structuring of the market and its growth worldwide. The large size of the components for floating wind turbines means that they must be deployed as close as possible to the operating area. The progress made collectively will benefit everyone in the development of local industries.”

California has excellent wind resources to support floating wind turbines. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates the state’s technical capacity at 112 GW. This makes it an ideal resource to help California reach its goal of producing 100% of its electricity from renewable or zero-carbon energy by 2045.

In 2018, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management identified three areas off the California coast for the development of offshore wind projects. Now federal and state authorities are working to reach agreement on the specific waters appropriate for leasing.

Naval Energies has more than 12 years of experience in floaters for wind turbines. In particular, the company plans to use its semi-submersible floater in a pilot wind farm in France on the Atlantic coast with the wind turbines of Groix & Belle-île. The area is representative of 80% of the conditions in which floating wind turbines will be installed around the world. This specific knowledge, together with Naval Energies’ work already underway on floaters for commercial wind farms, is an asset that will provide Offshore Wind California with solid technical expertise.

In addition to Naval Energies, the members of Offshore Wind California include Aker Solutions, Avangrid Renewables, Equinor, Magellan Wind (which has a Joint Development Agreement with Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners), Mainstream Renewable Power, Northland Power, Orsted, Principle Power, Pacific Ocean Energy Trust, and Smultea Sciences.

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**About Offshore Wind California (OWC)**

Offshore Wind California promotes policies and builds public support for responsible development of offshore wind power in California. As a coalition of industry partners, our members are dedicated to providing an independent voice and industry expertise to facilitate offshore wind deployment off California's coast. OWC engages in public education and advocacy in support of this renewable resource as part of a comprehensive solution to California's energy needs. Offshore Wind California is a nonprofit, 501(c)(6) organization.

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**About Naval Energies**

Naval Energies is a leader in marine renewable energies. Naval Energies develops renewable and decarbonised electricity generation systems and sub-systems based on two different sources of marine energy – offshore winds and the thermal potential of tropical seas. We are present throughout the product lifecycle and master the entire value chain: design, construction, installation and maintenance, both at sea and in coastal areas. All over the world, we contribute to the development of alternative, renewable and environmentally friendly energy produced by the most powerful source possible: the sea.

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