



PRESS RELEASE

Simply Blue Group Sign MOU with Spanish Companies Proes Consultores (Amper Group) and FF New Energy Venture at Wind Europe

Tuesday 5th April 2022 - Simply Blue Group, a leading Irish blue economy developer in floating offshore wind have signed a MOU with Spanish companies Proes Consultores (engineering division of Amper Group, a technological conglomerate providing engineering, industrial and technological solutions, with broad international experience on the development, execution, and construction of floating offshore wind farms) and FF New Energy Venture (FF NEV), a leading Spanish renewable energy developer. The MOU will bring together these three parties' interests in exploring the floating offshore wind opportunities in Spain and Portugal.

The floating wind market in Spain got a kick start recently with the publication of the draft Marine Spatial Plan and Marine Energy roadmap 2021. Spain is seen as an attractive market for the development of floating offshore wind due to the outstanding wind resource, the longstanding coastal engineering and civil works heritage, as well as superb supply chain capabilities.

Simply Blue Group, Proes Consultores and FF NEV bring complementary expertise to the MOU and will together, explore more than 2 GW of opportunities across Spain and Portugal.

Adrian De Andres, Director Market Development at Simply Blue Group said "As leaders in floating offshore wind we believe we can bring our extensive experience to the Spanish and Portuguese market in terms of lessons learnt from our early floating wind projects in the UK and Ireland. We look forward to working alongside Proes Consultores and FF NEV to explore these opportunities in Spain and Portugal. The Spanish marine energy roadmap highlighted supply chain development as a key area of opportunity for Spain and the potential growth of local jobs and within this consortium we are focusing on this topic since the early stages"

Ignacio Sanchidrián Executive General Manager of Proes Consultores said "At Proes, we believe that renewable energy, and floating offshore wind has a key role to play in our growth strategy. Within our organisation we have broad expertise in coastal engineering, renewable energy, and environmental impact assessment. In Proes, we have participated in some of the pioneering offshore wind projects in the North of Europe we believe we have a lot to bring to this consortium for the development of opportunities in our home market, Spain."

Manuel Fernandez de Castro, CEO of FF NEV said "Floating Wind is complementary to solar energy from an energy mix perspective, and we believe our renewable energy development experience in Spain can strengthen this consortium. Energy security is paramount in the landscape we currently live in, and we believe the addition of floating offshore wind to our portfolio is the right step to help Spain reach its net-zero ambitions."

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Note to Editors

About Simply Blue Group

Simply Blue Group, headquartered in Cork, Ireland, is a leading blue economy developer focused on replacing fossil fuels with clean ocean energy. It develops pioneering blue economy projects – floating offshore wind, wave energy and low-impact aquaculture – all in harmony with the oceans. The company has a pipeline of over 9 GW of floating offshore wind projects, primarily in the waters off Ireland and the UK.

Simply Blue is committed to creating new economic opportunities for coastal communities, and developing projects that co-exist with sustainable fisheries and marine conservation.

For more, go to: www.simplybluegroup.com

About Amper Group

<https://www.grupoamper.com/en/amper-group/>

About FF NEV

FF New Energy Ventures is a solar PV developer, participated by Octopus Investments, with a proven track record, that focuses its activities on the Iberian Peninsula with a projects pipeline of more than 1,5 GW.

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