

Press Release

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**Success! Celebrating the first FEW IHK course:
from electrical engineering layperson to professional at OffTEC**

An electrifying moment: Today for the first time the Flensburg Chamber of Industry and Commerce awarded certificates to five newly qualified wind turbine electrical engineering professionals. The innovative advanced training course was initiated and realised by the OffTEC offshore training and development cluster in Enge-Sande. “It is a great achievement for all those involved”, said a delighted Benjamin Sommer, electrical engineering instructor at OffTEC. “The theoretical and practical aspects of this qualification are very complex, but after ten weeks of instruction the participants are fit for the job”.

This pioneering cooperation between the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) and the training centre resulted from the great and rapidly growing demand for electrical engineering personnel in the onshore and offshore wind industry.

Pursuant to DGUV specifications

Everyone had been under a lot of pressure, but today the celebrations were in a very relaxed atmosphere. Five employees of Vattenfall Europe Windkraft GmbH and EnBW Offshore Service GmbH successfully completed the advanced training course in just under six months. The teaching was divided into five blocks interspersed with practical work in the firm to strengthen and consolidate what had been learned. “Electrical engineering work on wind turbines is always associated with risks, which is why a high-quality training is absolutely necessary and also prescribed by the German Statutory Accident Insurance (DGUV)”, says OffTEC managing director Andreas Rauschelbach.

Qualification with a future

The next further training courses for Electrical Engineering Specialist for Wind Turbines begin on 1 April and 16 September 2019. All information about the courses is available at <https://www.offtec.de/trainingskatalog/technologietrainings/elektrofachkraft-efk/fachkraft-elektrotechnik-fuer-windenergieanlagen-ihk.html>.

About OffTEC

The Offshore Training and Development Cluster (OffTEC) has been providing comprehensive qualifications for wind industry personnel under virtually real conditions since 2011 – and all at one and the same location. Europe’s largest training and retraining centre in the North Frisian town of Enge-Sande provides all the relevant safety and technology training courses with focus on safety and rescue, and wind turbine technology on land and out at sea. Over 18,000 certificates have already been issued.

Among other things, OffTEC also has a state of the art maritime training centre, fire safety and technology training centres, a wind farm for training safety and rescue at height and its own 36-bed guesthouse. The company is the first in the industry to provide such a full service. The range of courses includes a variety of training options in line with current international standards adapted to meet individual customer requirements. OffTEC is a certified provider for safety training courses pursuant to the standards of the Global Wind Organisation (GWO).

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