

## Press Release

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### Saving and Rescuing - OffTEC Offers Enhanced Training

Respect the Elements: OffTEC GmbH & Co. KG is bringing new challenges for personnel in the on and offshore wind industry to WindEnergy Hamburg.

The training centre, which is unique in Europe, is situated in the North Frisian town of Engesande, and specialises in realistic safety and rescue training courses as well as technological skills relating to wind power. In addition to expanded training courses in accordance with the new GWO standards, the safety experts will also be presenting the user course for the *Wind Escapettor*, a one-person evacuation device. Intrepid visitors can try out the winch for themselves at the OffTEC exhibition stand B6.235 in Hall B6.

#### *GWO Enhanced First Aid in Remote Areas*

The Global Wind Organisation (GWO) is currently developing an enhanced first aid training standard (EFA), that will offer employers an augmented first aid course. The new international standard is based on the standard "First Aid in Offshore Wind Farms" established by the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV), which OffTEC already provides successfully using practical instruction. OffTEC is already fit for the EFA standard and will be offering the course as soon as the GWO adopts it in the last quarter of 2018.

The GWO module "Enhanced First Aid in Remote Areas" adds onto the basic first aid courses and expands first aiders' abilities in providing care to casualties. Technicians will thus be qualified to carry out enhanced first aid measures in what are often remote infrastructural areas until the rescue services arrive. The course content also includes the use of telemedical consultations.

#### *GWO Advanced Rescue Training*

The GWO is also developing a new training standard in the area of safety at height and rescue from height. The ART standard (Advanced Rescue Training) will be incorporated in basic training in the shape of two training modules. These enhanced rescue courses are based on the existing individual rescue training courses that the GWO has now published with the aim of them gaining international recognition. In addition to special knowledge about safety at height, participants will also be taught how to rescue themselves and others from critical workspaces in a wind turbine through the correct use of the available equipment.

Since 2016 OffTEC has been providing this course adapted to meet customer-specific requirements and is ready to provide GWO Advanced Rescue Training as soon as the standard has been officially adopted and OffTEC is correspondingly certified.

*About OffTEC*

The Offshore Training and Development Cluster (OffTEC) has been providing comprehensive qualification of skilled wind industry workers under very realistic conditions since 2011 – and all at one location. All the relevant safety and technology training courses, with main focus on safety, rescue and wind turbine technology both on and offshore, are taught at Europe’s biggest training and advanced training centre in the North Frisian town of Enge-Sande.

OffTEC also boasts a state of the art maritime training centre, fire fighting and technology training centres, a wind farm for training safety at height and rescue from height, as well as its own 36-bed guesthouse. The company is the first in its field to offer real full service. The courses available include diverse training opportunities in accordance with common and international standards, adapted to the customers’ individual needs. OffTEC is a certified provider of all safety training conform to the standards of the Global Wind Organisation (GWO).

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