

PRESS STATEMENT

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OpenHydro unveil plans for dedicated assembly facility at Cherbourg Port

OpenHydro, a DCNS company, has announced the development of a purpose-built tidal turbine assembly facility at Cherbourg Port.

The 5,500m² purpose-built facility, will act as an industrial hub for the delivery of the Normandie Hydro project for EDF Energies Nouvelles - a 14 MW array set to be deployed in 2018. This project will see the installation of an array of seven tidal turbines in the Raz Blanchard, supplying electricity to 13,000 local residents.

Discussions are ongoing between DCNS/OpenHydro, the Ports of Normandy Authority (PNA) and the French government agency, SHEMA, to finalise plans for the ambitious project.

The tidal turbine sector is expected to create hundreds of jobs in Cherbourg once OpenHydro begins the commercial scale production of tidal arrays from 2020. The facility will initially have a production capacity of 25 turbines annually, with planned expansion work on the factory expected to increase production by up to 50 turbines per year.

James Ives, OpenHydro Chief Executive, said: "We are excited to announce our plans for a purpose-built turbine facility in Cherbourg. This will act as the industrial hub for the delivery of the Normandie Hydro project and will position us for large scale development in the French market. This is an essential step on the path to commercialisation and will ensure OpenHydro is well placed to address the world-wide €200 billion tidal energy market."

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About OpenHydro

OpenHydro is a DCNS company specialising in the design, manufacture and installation of marine turbines generating renewable energy from tidal streams. The company's vision is to deploy turbine arrays under the surface of the oceans to produce energy silently, invisibly and with no impact on the environment. OpenHydro has achieved a number of industry firsts including being the first to deploy a tidal turbine at the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC), the first to connect to and generate electricity from tidal streams onto the UK National Grid and the first to successfully demonstrate a method of safely and economically deploying and recovering turbines directly on the seabed. The deployment and recovery method delivers a step change in the economics of tidal energy.

OpenHydro has a project portfolio spanning Canada, France, Northern Ireland, Scotland and the Channel Islands with utility partners including Emera, EDF, Brookfield Renewable Energy Group, SSE Renewables and Alderney Renewable Energy. OpenHydro has won a number of awards for its innovations in the field of renewable energy technology.

About DCNS

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