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**PRESS RELEASE**

## **AREVA confirms its commitment to the offshore wind industry**

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AREVA announces its purchase of the remaining 49% of Multibrid\*, a German wind turbine manufacturer, which becomes AREVA Wind, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the group. This acquisition will allow a fast ramp-up of its production capacity to address the growth expected in this burgeoning industry. This new platform will also include the rotor blade manufacturing division, formerly PN Rotor.

“As major utilities are moving ahead by launching a number of European tenders, this acquisition illustrates AREVA’s commitment to play a leading role in the development of the offshore wind industry and to establish long-term partnerships with customers”, said Anil Srivastava, CEO of AREVA Renewables.

Six M5000 turbines have already been installed by AREVA in the Alpha Ventus offshore wind farm, built in the North Sea under real offshore conditions, and are currently in the test phase. This pilot project will provide important feedback and essential experience to develop offshore wind farms.

“AREVA Wind now has a total of 600 MW in large European projects which confirms the market’s trust in our offshore technology”, highlighted Felix Debierre, Managing Director of AREVA Wind.

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\* AREVA purchased a 51% stake in Multibrid in 2007.

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All over the world, AREVA provides its customers with solutions for carbon-free power generation and electricity transmission. With its knowledge and expertise in these fields, the group has a leading role to play in meeting the world’s energy needs.

Ranked first in the global nuclear power industry, AREVA’s unique integrated offering covers every stage of the fuel cycle, reactor design and construction, and related services.

In addition, the group is developing a portfolio of operations in renewable energies. AREVA is also a world leader in electricity transmission and distribution and offers its customers a complete range of solutions for greater grid stability and energy efficiency.

Sustainable development is a core component of the group’s industrial strategy. Its 75,000 employees work every day to make AREVA a responsible industrial player that is helping to supply ever cleaner, safer and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.