



Major order for MAN industrial subsidiary Renk AG

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Renk to supply testing systems for wind turbines

Renk AG has won a contract worth over €27 million, making it the largest individual order that its testing business has ever seen. The Augsburg-based company has been supplying customized testing systems to various branches of industry for more than 25 years. The order from the USA has enabled Renk to quickly tap into the fast-growing market for wind turbine testing.

The turnkey testing systems are to be supplied to a development center for offshore wind turbines at Clemson University in US state South Carolina. They are to be used to test drivetrains for wind turbines with a capacity of up to 15 MW as well as dynamic wind load simulation. A testing system can be up to 35 meters long and 11 meters high. The aim of the tests is to avoid high warranty costs and to put the offshore wind turbines into operation faster. The two testing systems are to be delivered in 2012 and 2013. Renk AG also supplies gear units for wind turbines. Offshore wind farm Alpha Ventus is an example — it has been feeding power into the German grid with the help of Renk's gear units since August 2009.

MAN SE holds a majority interest of 76% in Renk AG. Renk is a manufacturer of high-quality special gear units, propulsion components, and testing systems for customers all over the world. In 2009, Renk and its 1,900 employees generated revenue of just under €500 million and a return on sales of 13.9%.

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