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bp and JERA joining forces to create top-tier global offshore wind joint venture

- *Creating strategic platform for growth, combining high-quality operating and development offshore wind assets, with total 13GW potential net generating capacity.*
- *Building on history of partnership and combining complementary expertise, standalone 50:50 venture initially to progress existing advanced developments from extensive portfolio.*
- *Agreed funding model to support highly disciplined, capital efficient growth, including accessing competitive financing, portfolio optimisation, and defined capital investment plans from partners.*

bp and JERA Co., Inc. have agreed to combine their offshore wind businesses to form a new standalone, equally-owned joint venture that will become one of the largest global offshore wind developers, owners and operators.

The combination will create a global business, to be called JERA Nex bp, with a balanced mix of operating assets and development projects with total 13GW potential net generating capacity. Formation of JERA Nex bp is intended to accelerate development from the combined pipeline and bolster access to competitive financing. Supporting this, the partners have agreed to provide capital funding for investments committed to before end of 2030 of up to \$5.8 billion.

The companies will contribute interests comprising operating assets with around 1GW net generating capacity, a strong pipeline of high-quality development projects with around 7.5GW capacity, and further secured leases with around 4.5GW of potential capacity. JERA Nex bp will pursue value-driven development of competitive projects, as well as optimising its extensive combined portfolio. Initially it is expected to focus on progressing existing projects in North-West Europe, Australia and Japan, and to continue to mature the development pipeline of significant longer-term opportunities.

Yukio Kani, CEO of JERA said: “Offshore wind has significant potential and is a critical component of the energy transition. The sector is at an inflection point, and we believe the transformative partnership launched today between our two companies combines the resources, capabilities, and network necessary to be a world-class offshore wind company, and in doing so, realise the potential of offshore wind globally, while positioning this business for long term success. Today’s announcement also demonstrates JERA’s commitment to the offshore business in Europe, Japan and the rest of the world and is a natural evolution of our strategy that places collaboration at the heart of our approach to renewables.”

Murray Auchincloss, bp CEO said: “We are very pleased to have reached agreement with JERA to form a top five wind developer globally. This will be a very strong vehicle to grow into an electrifying world, while maintaining a capital-light model for our shareholders. We very much look forward to combining our strengths in Europe and Asia-Pacific to create another innovative platform.”

William Lin, bp executive vice president for gas & low carbon energy, added: “Building on our successful cooperation over many years, this will bring together bp and JERA’s complementary businesses to create

scale, with a mix of high-quality operating assets and development projects. JERA Nex bp will be a major offshore wind player – developing the most competitive projects, continually high-grading its portfolio, investing with tight discipline, and securing optimal offtake arrangements. We look forward to expanding our partnership with JERA through this exciting opportunity.”

Clear funding framework

The two partners have aligned expectations for the business to progress through disciplined and value-driven development, and have agreed a clear funding framework for the rest of this decade to underpin this.

This includes leveraging asset revenues and accessing competitive financing itself, as well as proceeds from portfolio management. The equity investment contributed by the partners may be lower than the total agreed gross funding depending on project and venture financing and proceeds from asset farm-downs and sales.

JERA Nex bp is expected to benefit from the existing relationships and partnerships that the two shareholders have worldwide, including across the supply chain. The business will also draw on and benefit from the global trading capabilities of both partners to manage and market power from its assets into various offtake channels.

Longstanding partners combining in offshore wind

bp and JERA, and its shareholders Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and Chubu Electric Power, have a very long history of partnership, both historically in LNG and more recently in pursuing possibilities for cooperation in solar, hydrogen and low carbon fuels.

JERA first entered the offshore wind market in 2019 through investments in projects in the UK and Taiwan. In 2023 it acquired Belgium offshore wind player, Parkwind, and later used this business as a platform to spin out a focused renewables vehicle, JERA Nex, created to pursue the renewables target in JERA’s 2035 growth strategy. It owns and operates wind farms in Belgium, Germany, Japan and Taiwan and has a development portfolio that includes projects in Japan, Ireland and Australia.

bp has been building a portfolio in offshore wind since 2019, and now has a development pipeline with total potential generating capacity of 9.7GW net (5.7GW development projects and a further 4GW secured leases). Development projects are the Morgan and Mona projects in the UK Irish Sea, and Oceanbeat East and Oceanbeat West in Germany’s North Sea, with secured leases off Scotland and the east coast of the US.

JERA Nex bp will be based in London. Its CEO will be nominated by JERA and the CFO by bp. On completion, offshore wind teams from both JERA and JERA Nex and staff from bp’s offshore wind business will be expected to move into the new business.

The parties have agreed to work to complete formation of JERA Nex bp, subject to regulatory and other approvals, with completion expected by end of the third quarter of 2025.

Notes to editors:

- **Assets included in combination:**

JERA		Bp	
Operating assets	net capacity/MW	Development projects	net capacity/MW
Gunfleet Sands, UK	43	Mona, UK	753
Arcadis Ost 1, Germany	180	Morgan, UK	753
Belwind, Belgium	134	Oceanbeat West, Germany	2,102
Nobelwind, Belgium	68	Oceanbeat East, Germany	2,102
Northwester 2, Belgium	153		
Ishikari Bay New Port, Japan	112*	Secured leases	
Formosa 1, Taiwan	42	Morven, UK	1,440
Formosa 2, Taiwan	184	Beacon, US	2,580
		Flora, UK	50
Development projects			
Oriel, Ireland	375*		
Sørilige Nordsjø II, Norway	1,500*		
Oga-Katagami-Akita, Japan	315*		
Blue Mackerel, Australia	752		
Spinifex, Australia	600		

(* Gross capacity)

bp's existing interests in offshore wind partnerships in South Korea will not be included in the new joint venture.

- bp entered into long-term LNG supply agreements with Chubu Electric Power Company in 2012 and Tokyo Electric Power Company in 2014.
- In August JERA Nex, JERA's global renewable energy business, acquired two US solar projects with capacity totalling 395MW from Lightsource bp.

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