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A further 50 MW of the planned offshore "He Dreiht" wind farm allocated via a long-term PPA



50 MW of offshore wind energy from the planned EnBW wind farm He Dreiht in the North Sea will go to the Stuttgart-based technology company Bosch from 2026. (Symbolic image EnBW/photographer Rolf Otzipka)

Karlsruhe. For the planned 900 MW "He Dreiht" offshore wind farm, EnBW has sealed a power purchase agreement (PPA) for 50 megawatts with the Stuttgart-based technology and services company Robert Bosch GmbH. The output is the equivalent to around 200 gigawatt-hours of electricity per year. The power purchase agreement (PPA) runs for a term of 15 years starting in 2026.

EnBW's offshore wind farm, which has been built without state funding, is set to enter operation in 2025.

The "He Dreiht" wind farm will be built about 90 kilometers northwest of Borkum and around 110 kilometers west of Helgoland and is scheduled to enter operation at the end of 2025. EnBW secured the contract in 2017 in the first offshore tendering process in Germany with a zero-cent bid and is building the wind farm without state funding. "PPAs can be drawn up on an individual basis and they enable companies to consistently implement their sustainability goals. And for us, they are an important element in realizing projects in the field of renewable energies," says Markus Quack, from EnBW's Trading unit, who helped to draw up the contract.

The offshore wind farm being built without state funding is one of Europe's biggest energy transition projects. A total of 64 turbines with an output of 15 megawatts are set to be used here. EnBW is planning to make the final investment decision in the first quarter of 2023.

With over 26,000 employees, EnBW is one of the largest energy companies in Germany and Europe. It supplies around 5.5 million customers with electricity, gas, water as well as services and products in the areas of infrastructure and energy. The expansion of renewable energies is a cornerstone of the growth strategy and a focus of investment. By the end of 2025, more than half of the generation portfolio is set to consist of renewable energies. Furthermore, the expansion of renewable energies is an important part of EnBW's Sustainability Agenda as the company heads towards climate neutrality by 2035.

EnBW has been actively involved in PPA matters in Germany from the very beginning: In 2019, the company signed the first PPA of its kind in Germany with Energiekontor. In December 2021, it announced the first power purchase agreement with Fraport AG for 85 megawatts of electricity from the "He Dreiht" offshore wind farm. Evonik followed with a total of 150 MW and Salzgitter with 50 MW.

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