

## **ENERTRAG buys Darling Wind Farm**

Press Release

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ENERTRAG is clearly demonstrating that it is here to stay.

On 16 October 2018, ENERTRAG South Africa acquired 100% of the shares of Darling Wind Power (Pty) Ltd from Clean Energy Africa Investments (Pty) Ltd, adding 5.2 MW of operational wind assets to its existing South African pipeline of projects under development, including the partnership agreement signed [earlier this year](#) with a local renewables company to jointly develop 1 800 MW of wind energy projects in South Africa.

ENERTRAG is leveraging its vast servicing experience across various turbine types (more than 400 turbines under full service contract in Germany and France) and will provide a full-wrap package of services, certified under ISO9001:2015, that will keep the Darling Wind Farm turbines operating at optimal performance for years to come.

This acquisition confirms ENERTRAG's intention to establish a significant base in South Africa and support the country's vision for a least-cost approach to the future energy mix, and the localisation and industrialisation through and on the back of low-cost renewables.

Darling Wind Power was incorporated in 2004 as the special purpose vehicle to develop, construct, finance, own and operate the Darling Wind Farm, which was at the time declared a national demonstration project. The plant consists of four Fuhrländer FL1250 horizontal axis wind turbines, with a total installed capacity of 5 200 kW and reached commercial operation on 1 May 2008. It was financed primarily by funding from The Development Bank of Southern Africa.

The Darling Wind Farm is selling its green electricity under two Power Purchase Agreements, one with the City of Cape Town, and one with POWERX. Under these two agreements, the four wind turbines feed 8 million kWh of green electricity into the grid, reducing the country's carbon footprint by 8 000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. The plant is providing full-time jobs for two on-site wind-turbine technicians; a job that not only requires technical skills in multi-dimensions (mechanical and electrical), but also means one needs to be trained to work at heights under strict health and safety rules.

In all countries that ENERTRAG is active in, it is fully committed to local presence and local value add. Hence, ENERTRAG intends to build a local service business, with Darling Wind Farm as a platform, leveraging its vast experience in that segment.

Commenting on the acquisition, Stephen Koopman, COO of ENERTRAG South Africa, stated "It is a privilege to be part of a company like ENERTRAG, where the business is not just about profits, but also about making a difference; it is about believing in what is the right thing to do, and then doing it well. The right thing for our country is to ensure that we create employment, stimulate the economy, reduce poverty, provide affordable electricity for all – and by producing clean energy from wind and solar, we can achieve all this at the same time!"

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Notes:

ENERTRAG SA (Pty) Ltd. is a 100% subsidiary of ENERTRAG AG, a German, privately-owned renewable energy company with significant expertise in project development, financing, construction, plant operations, grid design/operations across Europe ([www.enertragsa.co.za](http://www.enertragsa.co.za) / [www.enertrag.com](http://www.enertrag.com)). ENERTRAG is a pioneer of the German Energy Transition. ENERTRAG built 1.4 GW and is operating 5 GW of wind power generators, mostly in Germany and France. The company is also operating 1 000 km of medium-voltage collector grid and substations, connected directly to the German high- and highest-voltage grid operator.

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