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innogy announces Galloper Wind Farm apprenticeship scheme

- ***Applications are now open for East Anglia-based young people to apply for a new offshore wind turbine apprenticeship scheme***
- ***On-site hands-on training along with class-based learning at East Coast College, Lowestoft***
- ***Unique opportunity for three budding engineers with an affinity for the sea***

A new wind turbine technician apprenticeship scheme for Galloper Wind Farm has been announced by innogy giving young people in East Anglia the chance to get started in a promising new career in the growing offshore wind sector.

Three candidates will be chosen to join the four-year scheme that will include both practical experience and comprehensive classroom-based learning. They will be hands-on at Galloper's operations and maintenance base in Harwich and offshore wind farm site, 27 kilometres off the Suffolk coast, and will undertake educational sessions as part of a tailored course at the East Coast College, Lowestoft.

Galloper Operations & Maintenance Manager, Sean Chenery said: "The apprentices will learn all the technical; health and safety, and fault-finding skills to keep our turbines running safely and efficiently.

"This is a hugely exciting and unique opportunity for motivated young people with a passion for engineering to join our skilled team and evolve into fully fledged offshore wind turbine technicians".

Once trained, the offshore wind technicians will work at sea, in all weathers and at heights of up to 100m, operating complex electrical and mechanical equipment with safety always the first

priority. They will also monitor and operate the wind farm assets from Galloper's state-of-the-art control room in Harwich in a 24/7 shift pattern.

On successful completion of the scheme, the graduates will receive a Level 3 Diploma in Engineering and will be well placed for a long career in the expanding offshore wind industry.

"It's a hugely rewarding career working on highly technical machinery and is particularly suited to those who enjoy working outside, with their hands and who have an affinity with the marine environment. They will be commuting to work via one of our crew transfer vessels, so it is definitely not your usual nine-to-five office-based job."

Applicants need to have five GCSEs at C or above ideally including science and maths, be keen to learn, able to work at heights and at sea and willing to work shifts.

More information can be found on the jobs page of the Galloper website and applications for the apprenticeship scheme close on Friday 24 May, 2019.

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Photo: Wind turbine technicians on their way to work on the turbine.

For more about the Galloper visit: www.galloperwindfarm.com

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Notes to editors:

Galloper Offshore Wind Farm is a 353MW project located 27km off the coast of Suffolk. The wind farm represents an investment of around £1.5 billion. It is estimated that the average annual generation expected at the site will be equivalent to the approximate domestic needs of more than 380,000 average UK households.¹

Galloper is owned by innogy SE (25%), Siemens Financial Services (25%), Sumitomo Corporation (12.5%), ESB (12.5%) and a consortium managed by Green Investment Group and Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (25%). innogy SE led the development and construction of Galloper Offshore Wind Farm and operates the wind farm on behalf of the project partners.

1 - Energy predicted to be generated is derived using wind speeds monitored in the local area and correlating to historical weather data providing longer term data. The calculations are based on an installed capacity of 353 MW. The energy capture predicted and hence derived homes equivalent or emissions savings figures may change as operational data are gathered. Equivalent homes supplied is based on an annual electricity consumption per home of 4100 kWh. This figure is supported by recent domestic electricity consumption data available from The Digest of UK Energy Statistics and household figures from the UK National Statistics Authority.

