



Press Release

FRS Offshore and WindCat Workboats establish joint venture for wind offshore market

Flensburg/Germany, IJmuiden/Netherlands, 20 September 2010 • **The Flensburg company, FRS Offshore, and WindCat Workboats, from IJmuiden/Netherlands, are establishing a joint venture in the upcoming weeks, in order to offer joint workboats on the German offshore market in the future. In view of both companies' extensive experience, a competent service provider is therefore positioning itself on the growing market for logistics services in the wind offshore sector.**

A few weeks after the establishment of FRS Offshore GmbH & Co. KG, this is a further step into the wind offshore logistics business field for the FRS shipping company group. "We are looking forward to the collaboration with WindCat Workboats. It gives us the opportunity to put together customised package solutions", says Jan Kruse, Managing Director of FRS Offshore and the FRS Group.

The FRS Group has 75 years of experience in international ferry and passenger shipping. The FRS Group operates numerous shipping lines from various ports in the North Sea and Baltic Sea, which will also be used for supplying offshore wind farms in the future.



WindCat Workboats is Europe's market leader in passenger/technicians and material transport for the wind and other offshore sector, with a fleet of 26 workboats and more than 200,000 successful transfers to wind energy turbines, the reason we have chosen them as our Joint Venture partner for the German market, says Jan Kruse. "With FRS Offshore, we have a very experienced partner at our side in ferry and passenger shipping, through whose networks at German port locations, we expect high synergy effects", says Robbert van Rijk, Managing Director of WindCat Workboats BV.

Within the context of HUSUM WindEnergy, FRS Offshore and WindCat Workboats will present themselves jointly for the first time.

FRS Offshore GmbH & Co. KG

FRS Offshore is a 100% subsidiary of FRS, the parent company of the FRS Group. FRS Offshore is the company within the FRS Group that offers services for the wind offshore sector.

The FRS Group is Europe's leading international ferry specialist, with its headquarters in German. The FRS Group and its subsidiaries operate numerous ferry and catamaran lines in Europe, Northern Africa and in the Middle East. The types of ships operated within the FRS Group range from water taxis (16 metres) up to 86-metre-long high-speed catamarans. FRS offers safe and comfortable transport for 5.4 million passengers per year and 1.3 million vehicles. Additional information on FRS Offshore at www.frs-offshore.de.



WindCat Workboats BV / Ltd.

Windcat Workboats was founded in 2002 and has grown into the leading operator of crew vessels for the wind farm industry across Europe. Having their own unique design of vessels and fender system that has been proven to give the access and reliability required by the charterers. The fleet of 26 vessels currently operating complete between 3000 and 5000 safe transfers per week throughout its operations in Scotland, England, Ireland, Belgium and The Netherlands.

WindCat Workboats has main bases in the UK and Holland. For further information please visit [www. windcatworkboats.com](http://www.windcatworkboats.com).

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