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### **Siemens supports the RNLI in keeping the East Coast safe**

**Siemens Energy donates £1,000 to the RNLI Humber station in Spurn Point in recognition of the invaluable work the charity does in saving lives on the East Coast**

A team from Siemens Energy sector in the UK chose the RNLI as its preferred charity to donate the winnings from the outbound challenge, which took place at its Management Conference earlier this year. Jamie Rowlands, head of offshore service in the UK presented the cheque to Dave Steenvoorden superintendent coxswain at the RNLI station at Spurn Point last month.

Dave Steenvoorden said: This is a very generous donation to help with running the RNLI Humber station. I am very pleased to have made links with Siemens as we are close neighbours on the Humber. My crew showed Mr Rowland and his colleague around the station and took them to sea aboard the lifeboat to see first hand the capabilities of the lifeboat and its crew."

In 2010 the RNLI Humber station celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has won many awards. The station is unique within the RNLI as the only station operated with a full-time residential crew. The crew consists of seven members living with their families at Spurn Point on the Humber and supported by ten volunteers.

Jamie said: "Choosing the RNLI was an easy choice for us. As a major provider of offshore wind energy solutions and service we are acutely aware of the

challenges of operating in this environment. Siemens puts health and safety at the top of its agenda through its Zero Harm programme, so selecting a charity that is all about safety was a unanimous decision. We are hugely grateful to the RNLI for helping to keep us safe.”

Siemens is the leading provider of wind energy solutions in the UK, including turbine technology, grid connections and operations and maintenance services for offshore and onshore wind farms. Its technologies generate over 50% (3GW) of the UK’s total wind energy generating capacity.

Siemens installs and operates wind farms on behalf of developers throughout the UK, but the East Coast is of particular significance because of the Crown Estates’ Round Three Offshore Development Programme. Some of the largest wind farms, such as Dogger Bank (9GW) and the Hornsea (4GW) Zone will be developed on the East Coast.

Siemens is also investing in the region, and has plans to develop an £80 million wind turbine facility on the Humber to support Round 3. Siemens has already invested £3 million in its wind power training school in Newcastle for its service technicians for onshore and offshore installations.

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**Notes to editors:**

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**About the RNLI in the UK**

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea. Its volunteers provide a 24-hour search and rescue service around the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland coasts. The RNLI operates over 230 lifeboat stations in the UK and Ireland and has more than 150 lifeguard units on beaches around the UK. The RNLI is independent of Coastguard and government and depends on voluntary donations and legacies to maintain its rescue service. Since the RNLI was founded in 1824 its lifeboat crews and lifeguards have saved over 139,000 lives.

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