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S&L Access Systems**

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S&L Access Systems with Stena AB as majority shareholder partners up with Vestas

S&L Access Systems a Green Tech company with strong ambitions to accelerate the clean energy transmission by bringing the wind turbine industry to the next sustainable level, partners up with Vestas the leading wind turbine manufacturer. In combination with Stena AB as majority shareholder the company now holds two strong owners enabling the company to take the next step from concept to serial production.

S&L Access Systems has developed the Salamander Quick Lift Crane Technology featuring a new top crane technology enabling heavy lifts on hub heights well beyond 200 metres. The moveable platforms enable better safety and are less wind sensitive when conducting uptower works. The crane also requires a smaller crane pad. This innovative concept is based on proven technology. Overall, this new solution holds significant potential to be faster and more cost-effective in terms of transport to site, deployment, relocation in the field and crane decommissioning. Salamander Quick Lift can be used for both installation and maintenance of legacy, current and future turbines. With reduction of 75% in transports and less installation time required, the Salamander Quick Lift will result in significant savings in CO2 emissions when compared to conventional cranes.

“We are excited to be partnering with Vestas in this unique product. Today, onshore wind turbines tend to be higher and soon to reach hub heights beyond 200 metres, wind power projects are more complex and often located in remote areas. As the importance of the wind turbine industry increases and turbines become taller and more powerful, we are well positioned with this unique crane solution enabling high safety and efficient lifting of high wind turbines in a more sustainable way, than traditionally, says Marcus Dahlinger, CEO of S&L Access Systems. “The concept demonstrator is already undergoing functionality tests while the prototype is under construction in close cooperation with our partners. Construction will be completed by the end of the year and testing will continue promptly,” Dahlinger continues.

“Vestas Ventures was established to make venture investments in innovations that contribute to accelerating the green energy transition. The Salamander Quick Lift Crane Technology is primarily based on proven technology and enables safer and more cost-effective lifts of heavy components even at the highest hub heights when building, servicing, and maintaining wind turbines. By accelerating the market adoption of this high potential technology, we could reduce the cost of energy through reduced installation time, CO2 emissions and simplifying crane transportation, which contributes to maturing the industry in a more sustainable way,” said Bo Svoldgaard, Senior Vice President and Head of Innovation and Concepts at Vestas.

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About S&L Access Systems

S&L Access Systems provides highly effective lifting solutions to the wind turbine industry. We are based in Sweden with headquarter in Gothenburg and R&D center in Västerås. S&L Access Systems is a Green Tech company with strong ambitions to accelerate the clean energy transmission by bringing the wind turbine industry to the next level.

For more information about S&L Access Systems, please visit our website:

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About Vestas

Vestas is the energy industry's global partner on sustainable energy solutions. We design, manufacture, install, and service onshore and offshore wind turbines across the globe, and with more than 136 GW of wind turbines in 84 countries, we have installed more wind power than anyone else. Through our industry-leading smart data capabilities and unparalleled more than 117 GW of wind turbines under service, we use data to interpret, forecast, and exploit wind resources and deliver best-in-class wind power solutions. Together with our customers, Vestas' more than 29,000 employees are bringing the world sustainable energy solutions to power a bright future.

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