

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Launch of Setec Offshore Wind: the Setec Group builds on its expertise in maritime and port engineering dedicated to offshore wind power**

By creating **setec offshore wind**, **setec** is strengthening its presence in offshore wind power at a time when the sector urgently needs to develop in order to achieve the production target of 45GW by 2050.

*"setec offshore wind brings together a team of multidisciplinary engineers who share a taste for adventure, innovation and technical excellence. The creation of this structure supports the national low-carbon strategy and embodies our ambition to promote a carbon-free energy mix."*  
Michel Kahan, President of **setec**.

### **setec invests across the entire offshore wind energy value chain**

#### **A comprehensive ecosystem...**

**setec offshore wind** is built on a foundation of high value-added expertise designed to address the engineering challenges of offshore wind power. The group, already renowned for its expertise in biodiversity and the marine environment – **setec in vivo** – has created a new entity that brings together its offshore wind power skills and offers a wide range of solutions for project owners, developers, public establishments for inter-municipal cooperation (EPCI), energy companies, manufacturers, port and network managers, etc.

#### **... at the heart of the setec group**

**setec** follows an unusual model made possible by its independence: its development comes from within the company rather than from marketing needs. This allows the group to seize the right opportunities and encourage new intrapreneurial ventures, as is the case here with **setec offshore wind**.

*"The creation of **setec offshore wind** is the result of an environmental commitment and a practice of innovation that meets a promising market: our experts – specialists in the marine environment, civil engineering, geotechnical engineering and port engineering – have developed innovative concepts that respond to the challenges facing the sector (port development, fixed or floating structural performance, environmental requirements), while serving our objectives of decarbonising the energy mix. This made it clear that a dedicated team was needed to continue setec's multidisciplinary excellence in this sector," said Pascal Ochoa, Managing Director of setec offshore wind.*

**Offshore wind power in figures:**

**40% of electricity production will come from renewable sources by 2030, according to the target set by the SNBC**

**France has set a target of 45 GW installed by 2050 and 18 GW by 2035**

**In Europe, the target is 300 GW by 2050.**

**The expertise of setec offshore wind**

**setec offshore wind** provides concrete solutions to the challenges of industrialisation and deployment of offshore wind farms and draws on the expertise of its engineers: environmental solutions, port strategies and studies, structural and material choices, transport and installation, project acceptability and management.

This service offering meets three objectives:

- **Advising and supporting project developers** by drawing on our core areas of expertise
- **Develop, guide and improve the reliability of offshore wind technologies, both fixed and floating**, while meeting performance and energy efficiency requirements.
- **Propose solutions for the constructability, massification and optimisation** of offshore wind farm **installations** and their future operation.

Thanks to our expertise and position across the entire value chain, as well as our advisory capabilities, we have developed a conviction and a vision:

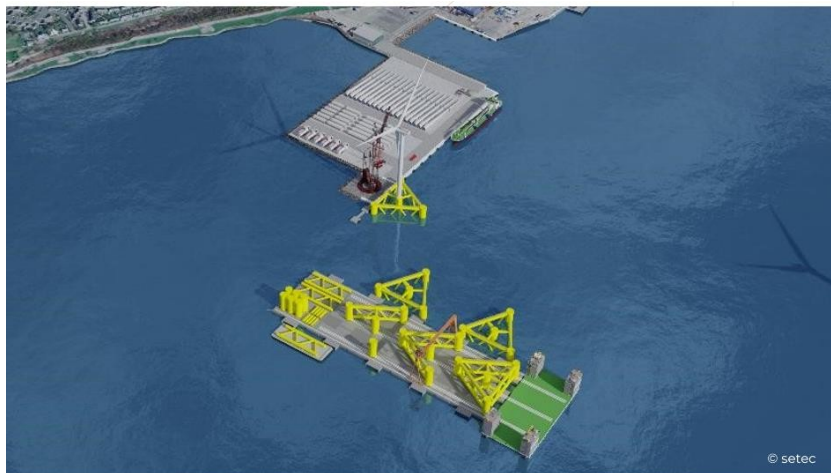
*"Engineering must assume a role as a solution provider in an ecosystem that is still emerging, constrained and polymorphic, but already highly competitive and in need of acceleration to meet the decarbonisation targets set by the SNBC,"* Pascal Ochoa, Managing Director of **setec offshore wind**.



*Jean-François HEITZ, Deputy Managing Director and Director of the Port Engineering Department dedicated to MRE, Pascal OCHOA, Managing Director, Sandrine BETHMONT, Head of Business Development, and Henry DUPOUY, Technical Director of Offshore Structures Engineering.*

### **setec offshore wind has already proven its expertise**

True to its values, **setec**, in collaboration with Safier Ingénierie, was awarded the "Idea/Concept" Trophy presented by CEREMA at the "Port of the Future" conference in October 2023 for a modular floating platform concept made of prestressed concrete that increases the capacity of ports to industrialise the construction of offshore wind turbines, in line with French and European ambitions.



*Steel float assembly and maintenance platform, developed in collaboration with Safier Ingénierie, and winner of the "Idea/Concept" Trophy presented by CEREMA at the "Port of the Future" conference in 2023.*

### About setec offshore wind

Created in early 2024, **setec offshore wind** is a **setec** group company dedicated to offshore wind power. This new subsidiary offers maritime and port engineering solutions for the deployment of floating offshore wind farms. Providing consulting, expertise, project management and assistance services, **setec offshore wind** innovates, designs and implements technical solutions. It supports its clients in their choices and assists them in the development of their projects, both in France and abroad.

**setec offshore wind's** employees are based in Paris and Nantes and work closely with the group's many experts.

<https://www.setec.fr/marches/eolien-en-mer/>

### About setec

Founded in 1957, **setec** is an independent, multidisciplinary engineering group with a presence in 20 countries, wholly owned by its employees. They design and deploy major projects in the fields of buildings, infrastructure, transport, the environment, water management, energy and urban development. They share the ambition of providing sustainable solutions to the challenges and major transitions of today and tomorrow.

The group's 4.200 employees are driven by the Engineers and Citizens approach, embodied by four values: "excellence", a prerequisite for accessing stimulating projects; "people first", because teams of manageable sizes are a guarantee of success; "free to dare", because proposing innovation and new methods enables progress; and "committed, honest and responsible" to shape more responsible territories.

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