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Thai wind farm of 260 MW enters commercial operations

The 260-MW Hanuman wind complex in Thailand has achieved commercial operations, Finnish firm Poyry Plc (HEL:POY1V), which delivered owner's engineering services for the project, said on Tuesday.



Siemens Gamesa wind turbine. Photo taken from Siemens' website (www.siemens.com).

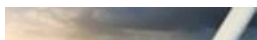
The 260-MW complex consists of five wind parks, located in the northeastern province of Chaiyaphum. It is owned by renewable energy group Energy Absolute Public Co Ltd.

A total of 103 turbines by Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy SA (BME:SGRE) are powering the wind farms. The Spain-based turbine supplier will also operate and maintain the complex, while the electricity generated from the G126-2.5 MW machines will be sold under a power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT).

"As one of the biggest wind power projects in Southeast Asia, the Hanuman project sets an example to South East Asian nations on how to substantially increase the domestic renewable energy production in order to cut greenhouse gas emissions, to diversify national energy production portfolio, and to reduce long term operating cost of the power system," said Esa Holttinen, Poyry's business director, wind power.

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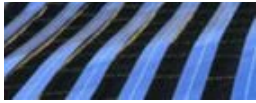
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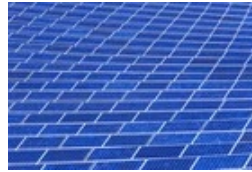
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