

Press release

Spanish wind turbine manufacturer chooses SKF as main supplier

SKF has secured two new important orders for bearings to wind turbines. The Spanish manufacturer Gamesa Eolica has selected SKF as its main supplier for bearings for the next two years.

Gamesa is among the world's largest manufacturers of wind turbines. The bearings covered by the agreement are spherical roller bearings in two different sizes and will be manufactured at the plant in Göteborg, Sweden. The agreement also includes technical cooperation and joint projects aiming at improving Gamesa's productivity.

Gamesa's wholly owned subsidiary Echesa, that manufactures gearboxes for wind turbines, has also selected SKF as its main supplier of bearings. This contract covers spherical and cylindrical roller bearings, to be manufactured in Göteborg and Schweinfurt, Germany.

– We have now managed, in a very short time, to secure important orders to a value of about SEK 250 million within the wind turbine business. It shows that our new concept, building teams with a complete knowledge of the whole application and who work together with the customer to find the right solutions, is paying off, says Christer Gyberg, President of SKF Industrial Division. We are now further strengthening our leading position in this fast growing market. Orders already taken this year indicate that our strong growth will continue also during next year.

– If we take into account all the components needed in a wind turbine and where SKF can be present such as bearings for the main shaft, gearbox and generator; housings, couplings, condition monitoring, etc, we have a world market in the region of some SEK 3 billion, says Christer Gyberg.

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