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Foundations laid for largest wind farm

All the foundations have now been laid for Sweden's largest wind farm, Lillgrund, which Vattenfall is building in The Sound. It is estimated that construction of the wind farm will be completed by the end of 2007.

On Tuesday, the last of the 48 foundation blocks was lifted into place on the seabed at Lillgrund. Another foundation block is already in place for the transformer platform that will form the link between the wind farm and the electricity network.

At the end of the summer, the wind power plants themselves will be erected and the entire farm will be ready to come on line at the end of 2007.

"More than half of the construction work has already been completed. Lillgrund will be generating electricity for household customers in just a few months," says Anders Dahl, Head of Vattenfall Wind Power.

The electricity generated at Lillgrund will be enough to supply household electricity to more than 60 000 homes.

The permit process for the wind farm at Lillgrund was initiated in 1997. In 2004, Vattenfall acquired the rights to build the wind farm.

Construction began in March 2006. Since then, work has been underway to prepare the seabed in The Sound and to lift all the foundation blocks into place.

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