



## **Press release**

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### **WPD develops large offshore wind park in Northern Finland**

**WPD Finland Oy, a recently established company belonging to WPD group, is developing a large offshore wind park at Suurhiekkä shoal in Oulu region, 20 to 25 km east of Haukiputaa and Ii and some 20 km north of Hailuoto. WPD estimates that the site has space for about 80 wind turbines with the total nominal capacity of 400 MW. The estimated production is about 1.5 TWh / year, which corresponds to almost 2% of Finland's total electricity demand.**

In the Regional Plan for Oulu Region ratified by Ministry of Environment, suitable areas were reserved for wind parks. The Suurhiekkä shoal is one of these areas. In the regional wind power site survey conducted by Ministry of Environment and Council of Oulu Region, the Suurhiekkä area was considered one of the best wind park areas in whole Finland.

WPD has summoned up an expert group to support the project development. The environmental impact assessment which is required for the projects in this scale has already been started. Due to the large scale of the project, the engineering, environmental studies, and permit procedure will take several years. According to WPD, the construction could start earliest 2012.

WPD has extensive experience in wind power both onshore and offshore. The group is developing a portfolio of offshore wind projects totalling 5000 MW and is thus one of the leading companies in the line of business. WPD is developing e.g. three offshore projects on the Swedish side of Gulf of Bothnia.

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#### **About WPD group**

WPD is one of the leading wind power developers in Europe. The head quarters is located in Germany and daughter companies are established in ten different countries. WPD has built more than 1000 MW wind power in different parts of the world and has extensive experience in permit processes, financing, construction as well as operation, and maintenance of wind parks. WPD has for instance developed the Krieger's Flak project, which will be Sweden's largest offshore wind park. The project was recently sold to Vattenfall. Further information of WPD group can be found at [www.wpd.de](http://www.wpd.de)

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