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Cennergi selects Suzlon turbines for 138 MW project bid in South Africa

- Cennergi is a joint venture by Exxaro and Tata Power
- Supply and EPC contract for 66 S97 turbines

Pune (India): Suzlon Group ("Suzlon"), the world's fifth largest wind turbine manufacturer, has been selected as the preferred supplier by Cennergi for a 138 MW wind energy project currently under development in South Africa. Cennergi is an equal joint venture between South Africa's Exxaro Resources Limited ("Exxaro") and The Tata Power Company Limited ("Tata Power"), India's largest private power utility.

Cennergi has chosen to use 66 of Suzlon's S97-2.1 MW turbines for the project, located in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa. If definitive agreements are reached, Suzlon will deliver the turbines under a full EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) agreement.

Speaking on the partnership, **Thomas Garner, Cennergi CEO** said: "Our focus is to deliver renewable energy projects in South Africa. For this bid, Suzlon was an obvious choice based on its vast experience in emerging markets and current participation in the energy sector in South Africa specifically. We are very excited by this opportunity and are confident of building successful wind projects."

Tulsi Tanti, Chairman – Suzlon Group, said: "South Africa is very committed to its target of installing 8,400 MW of wind energy by 2030. We are very encouraged by the consistent work being done for the sector and look forward to making significant contribution towards this target."

"It is a great honour that highly reputable companies like Tata Power and Exxaro have selected Suzlon as their preferred supplier – this underlines the market's faith in Suzlon's products and services."

Silas Zimu, CEO – Suzlon South Africa, added: "Suzlon continues to grow from strength to strength in the South African market. Our objective is to provide not only clean and green energy, but also to create many jobs. This venture shows how a South African Black empowered developer (Cennergi) partnered with a South African Black empowered manufacturer (Suzlon) can ensure that the Government's commitments on wind energy are realized."

If it goes ahead, project construction is expected to commence towards 2013.

About Cennergi

Cennergi (Pty) Ltd., is a 50:50 joint venture between South African-based diversified resources company Exxaro Resources Limited (Exxaro) and The Tata Power Company Limited (Tata Power), of India, through its subsidiary Khopoli Investments Limited.

Cennergi is based in South Africa and will focus on the, development, ownership, operation, maintenance, acquisition and management of electricity generation assets in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. The initial project pipeline focuses on renewable energy projects in South Africa and Cennergi's strategy is to create a balanced portfolio of diverse generation assets.

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About Suzlon Group:

The Suzlon Group is ranked as the world's fifth largest* wind turbine supplier, in terms of cumulative installed capacity, at the end of 2010. The company's global spread extends across Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and North and South America with over 19,000 MW of wind energy capacity installed in 28 countries, operations across 32 countries and a workforce of over 13,000. The Group offers one of the most comprehensive product portfolios – ranging from sub-megawatt on-shore turbines at 600 Kilowatts (KW), to the world's largest commercial 6.15 MW offshore turbine – with a vertically integrated, low-cost, manufacturing base. The Group – headquartered at Suzlon One Earth in Pune, India – comprises Suzlon Energy Limited and its subsidiaries, including REpower Systems SE. Visit us at www.suzlon.com

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