

Press Release

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Nordex assists to nurture students with potential in maths and science in Eastern Cape

21st and 22nd July 2014: Three Eastern Cape schools will receive a maths and science support plan funded by the Nordex Education Trust – the empowerment arm of the German wind turbine company Nordex; EPC Contractor of three (3) of South Africa's wind farms namely Dorper, Kouga and Amakhala Emoyeni.

The three schools are Molteno High School and Joe Slovo Secondary School in Molteno as well as Siyaphakama Senior Secondary School in Sterkstroom.

Says Anne Henschel, Managing Director of Nordex South Africa: "As a strategic partner to rural communities in the Eastern Cape, Nordex recognises the need to facilitate skills development in science, commerce, engineering and technology in the region. The funding for this initiative is a way to launch, expand and maintain innovation in South Africa's teaching and learning of these important subjects."

Nordex has collaborated with the Govan Mbeki Mathematics Development Unit (GMMDU) at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) to support its innovative and modern video-based techno-blended teaching and learning model (BT&L) for mathematics and science known as TutorTouch™.

Nordex will hand over the training material and ICT equipment to the schools. It includes 18 desktops and seven laptops with TutorTouch™ software, 1 data projector per school, a scientific calculator and learner workbooks for each learner in grades 10 -12, all worth approximately R250 000. In accordance with the terms of the collaboration, the team – Nordex, NMMU, GMMDU and the school principles – the computer equipment will be placed under the care of the maths and science teachers at each school and will be housed in the library.

The TutorTouch™ maths and science software is being used extensively in project implementations by GMMDU to empower teachers to use the laptops in their teaching methods along with the accompanying learner workbooks. These resources are supported

by video content lessons of the TutorTouch™ package to complement the unique learning module.

Says Professor Werner Olivier, Head of GMMDU: "These three schools represent an extension of the succesful Tablet-assisted incubator school projects in Queenstown which have been developed by GMMDU and NMMU".

For more information about these and other Nordex Trust projects, contact 021 – 464 0200 or TBeukes@nordex-online.com.

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About Nordex

As one of the technological leaders in multi-megawatt wind power systems, Nordex is benefiting from the trend in favour of large-scale turbines. The Generation Gamma range comprises the N90/2500, N100/2500 and the N117/2400, which is one of the most efficient onshore turbines. To date, over 2,600 of these turbines have been produced. This experience with multi-megawatt turbines gives Nordex a decisive lead over most of its competitors. With Generation Delta, Nordex is now offering the fourth generation of its proven multi-megawatt platform (N100/3300, N117/3000, N131/3000). Nordex has installed a total of over 6,000 turbines with an aggregate capacity of around 10,000 MW all around the world. With exports accounting for more than 80 percent of its business, Nordex SE plays a key role in international high-growth regions. The Company has offices and subsidiaries in 22 countries around the world with a total global headcount of over 2,700 employees.

About Nordex Energy South Africa

South Africa is endowed with excellent wind resource and a large land mass which makes it extremely attractive to international investors such as Nordex. The company has a local subsidiary Nordex Energy South Africa in Cape Town, one of a selected few preferred suppliers for developing wind farms in South Africa.

Nordex is currently working on three wind projects in South Africa; Red Cap Kouga Wind Farm and Dorper Wind Farm in the Eastern Cape and the Amakhala Emoyeni Wind Farm in the Eastern Cape all together comprising in total 314.4 MW, making Nordex one of the leading suppliers in South Africa.

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