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## **SKF gathers experts in the wind power industry to discuss operation and maintenance optimisation**

**The SKF Wind Farm Management Conference 2015 brings together operations and maintenance experts from the wind power industry**

SKF gathered experts from the wind power industry for the 10th annual SKF Wind Farm Management Conference. Held in Amsterdam, the conference enabled experts from around the world to share the latest learnings and advice in wind farm management, operation and maintenance.

The industry driven conference saw 190 participants from the wind energy operations and maintenance community out of 23 countries, with presentations and panel debates held over a two day period. Ranging from maintenance strategies and sourcing spare parts, to asset life optimisation and the end of warranty process, the presentations delivered important information for achieving wind farm operation and maintenance best practice.

“With investment in wind turbine maintenance estimated to double by the end of the decade, it’s in the best interest of wind farm operators to make the process as efficient and effective as possible. The SKF Wind Farm Management Conference is the ideal forum for experts to discuss innovations, new ideas and wind farm management best practice in the wind power industry,” said Jean-Luc Gardelle, Head of Energy segments at SKF. Many participants consider SKF Wind Farm Management Conference a unique place to create network and exchange knowledge. I strongly believe that only by working together, we can take operation and maintenance to the next level.”

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SKF provides a wide range of solutions to the wind energy industry. Following SKF's Life Cycle Management approach, SKF's wind energy solutions are designed specifically for use in applications such as gearboxes, generators and shafts, and optimise the reliability and performance of new and existing wind turbines.

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