

# Rhenus Offshore Logistics

## *Logistical challenges and concept for decommissioning offshore wind parks*

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Turn-Key logistics services  
 provider



 37.500 Employees

€ 7,0 Mrd.



Water and Lifecycle  
 solutions



 40.000 Employees

€ 11,5 Mrd.



Services and products  
 made from organical  
 sources



 10.500 Employees

€ 3,0 Mrd.



Public transport  
 solutions

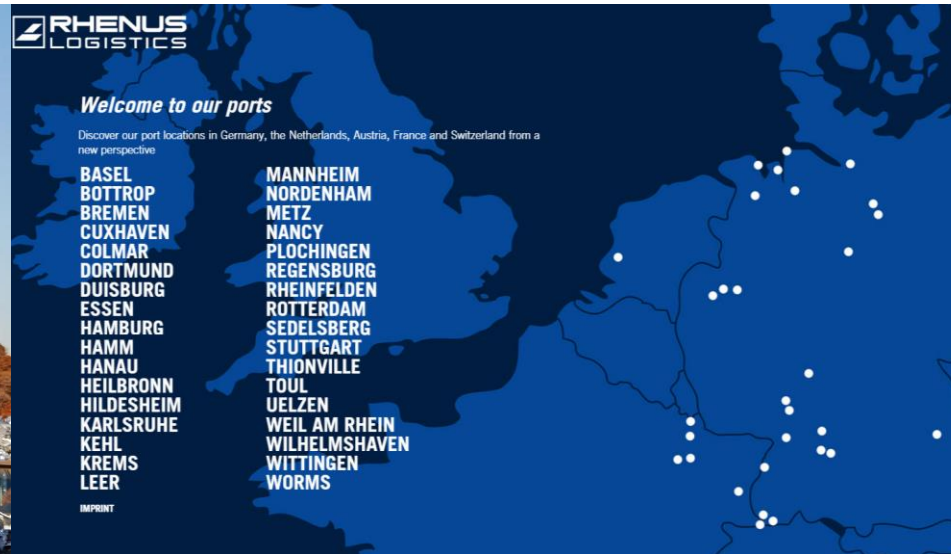
34 % Shareholding



 82.000 Employees

€ 7,0 Mrd.

# EXPERTISE USEFUL FOR DECOMMISSIONING PROJECTS



## TSR as part of Remondis:

- Expertise in recycling and metal scrap through > 100-year-experience
- Material Flow Management
- Also on Board: Cable recycling facilities

## Rhenus:

- Business unit ports with various port locations
- Project Logistics for heavy-duty transport services
- Rhenus Offshore Logistics



# RHENUS OFFSHORE LOGISTICS: SERVICE PORTFOLIO



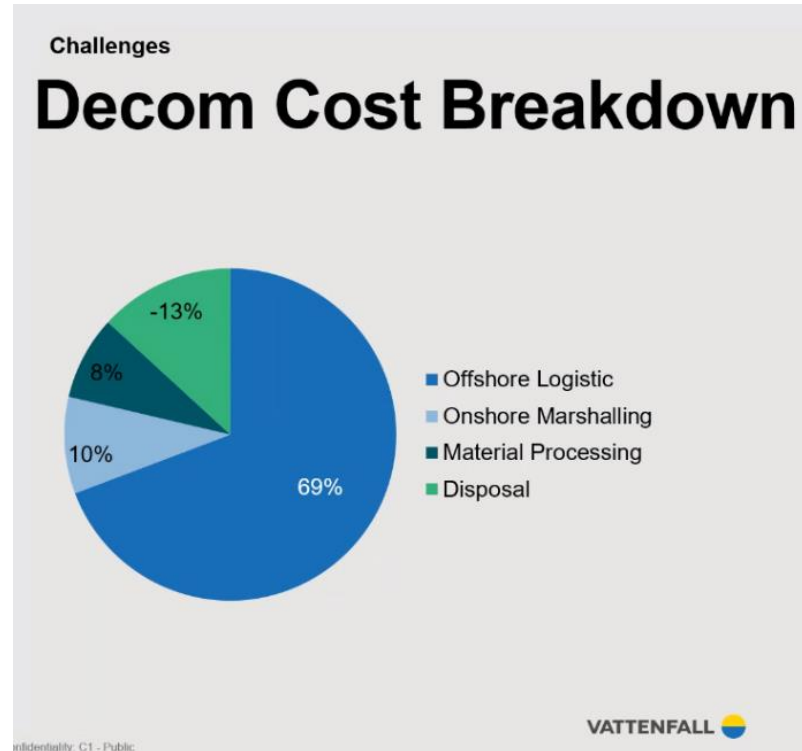
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**RHENUS OFFSHORE LOGISTICS**

## 2 – LOGISTICAL PERSPECTIVE ON DECOMMISSIONING



### Challenges for the Logistics:

- Generally, high volumes are expected within the next decades in the offshore wind market
- Lack of experience: up until now only very few and small offshore wind decommissioning projects
- Longer preparations: Decommissioning projects will be diverse and complex
- Decommissioning is addressed in the tender, but concrete plans are usually short-term
- Variety of technology offshore: 3 MW – 15 MW



### *Our Point of View:*

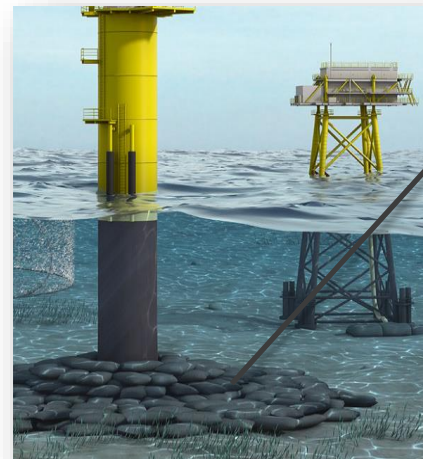
- Logistics for decommissioning at sea is unclear at present. Expectations vary from “planned in a structured way” to “purely opportunistic”
  - Very cost-intensive: efficient and inexpensive decommissioning will be the most important



Complete  
Decommissioning  
of all parts seems  
most likely

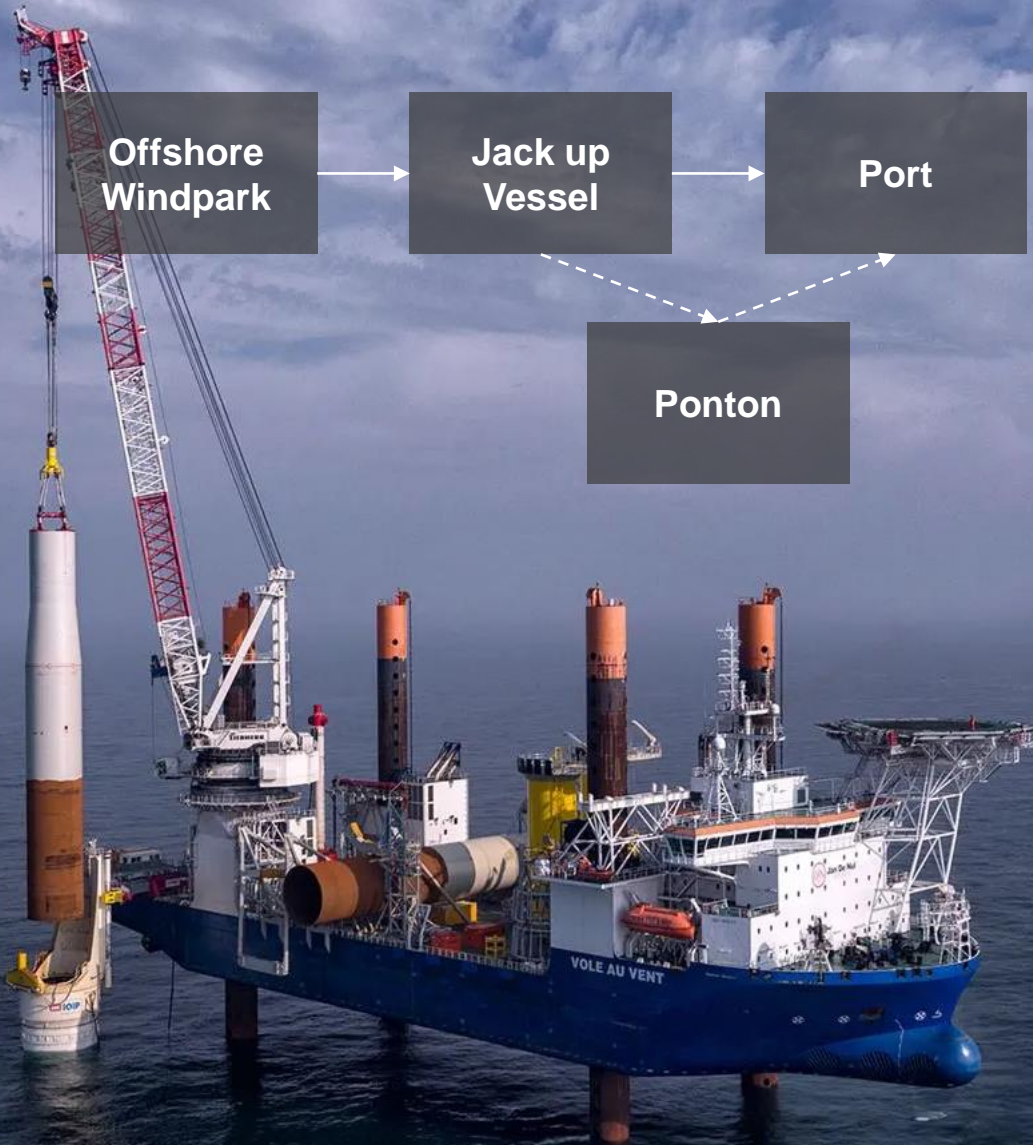
### 3 – WHICH COMPONENTS WILL BE REMOVED AND ARE THEREFORE RELEVANT FOR LOGISTICS?

- Blades (3 each); Nacelle
  - Tower; Transition Piece; Monopile
  - Inter- Array-Cabel
  - Transformer Platform incl. foundation structure
- Logistical Task for Decommissioning: Variety of parts that are heavy and large



#### *Our Expectation:*

- A complete removal must be carried out due to the lack of reuse scenarios.
- Only the scour protection can stay in place



## 4 – LOGISTICS CONCEPT OFFSHORE

- “backward construction” concept expected
- Usage of current installation vessels for Decommissioning
- Only exception might be the cable laying vessel
- High pressure on already **scarce capacities**, uncertain vessel availability
- Variations might be possible (Ponton) only if there is very limited availability of jack up vessels
- The longer the park runs the better for the operator: **small time slot** for decommissioning → more pressure on logistics concept due to availability of equipment and weather windows

### *Our Point of View:*

- The logistical task itself is feasible: knowledge from installations
  - Bottleneck: Vessel and equipment capacities



## 6 – CONSIDERATION OF LOGISTICS IN THE PORT

- **Storage areas:**
  - scarce resource already
  - pressure-adding factor: Decommissioning probably faster than the initial installation – a lot of components at once
  - Cost-driving factor
- **Cost-Optimisation:**
  - As little storage area as possible & quick turnover
  - Cost-adding Factor: transport frames, cranes, SPMT
- Port & port access must be suitable for ships and components
- Usage of the same ports as for the installation process

*Our Expectations:*

- High pressure on **port area productivity**





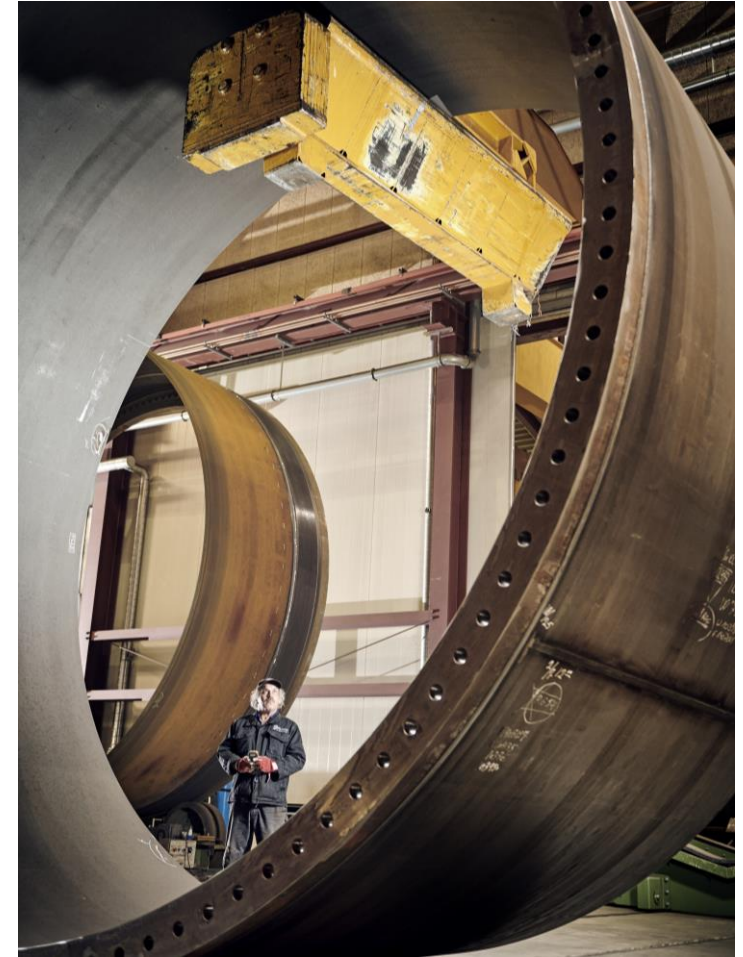
## 7 – NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN AFTER DECOMMISSIONING: RECYCLING



- Extended supply chain: also Transportation starting from port
- High volumes of mainly steel from Monopile, Transition Piece and Tower
- Recycling of steel, cement, copper wire, aluminium, electronics, composite materials like glass fibre
- Initiatives of manufacturers take place: fully recyclable blades for the future
- Landfill ban on decommissioned wind turbines: WindEurope called for Europe-wide landfill ban by 2025

### *Our Point of View:*

- Need for **industrial recycling** for decommissioned offshore windparks which is not set up yet
- The downstream logistics starting from the port is very important to **free up storage area** in the port !



The background image shows an offshore wind farm. In the foreground, a yellow container with the 'RHENUS LOGISTICS' logo is being hoisted by a crane. The container has the number '2004247' and some smaller text on it. To the left, the yellow structural framework of a wind turbine is visible, with the letter 'D3' on one of the beams. In the background, several wind turbines are visible on the horizon over a body of water.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?**



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