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Vestas approves Castrol Optigear Synthetic CT gear oil for service fill

Lubricant specialist Castrol Industrial has signed a purchase agreement for the global supply of its synthetic lubricants with Vestas, the world's leading wind turbine manufacturer which has 46,000 turbines and 50 gigawatts of installed capacity around the world.

Following a successful three year trial, Castrol Industrial's Optigear Synthetic CT will be listed by Vestas as an approved lubricant. Vestas' global customers can use this gear oil for service fills with confidence, knowing it has demonstrated improvements, which can lead to longer oil life, and enhance a turbine's performance, reliability and productivity.

"Vestas is an innovative company and Castrol Industrial has the greatest respect for it. We are looking forward to working alongside the Vestas team globally to support them in achieving their objective of generating the greatest and most sustainable return on wind energy," said John Carey, vice-president, Castrol Lubricants business for Industrial, Marine, Aviation and Energy.

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Castrol Industrial has more than 25 years' experience in the wind energy market and its lubricants were used in the world's first wind energy projects in the early 1980s.

The company offers a wind market dedicated full synthetic gear oil range alongside complementary lubricant products and associated services. These include specialist testing facilities for screening new technologies and simulating operating conditions, as well as used oil analysis, 'Castrol Predict' to verify long-term characteristics and customised lubricants training for wind farm operators.

Castrol offers a range of wind turbine-specific lubricants which are now the chosen 'first fill' lubricant for some of the world's major turbine manufacturers and is recommended by many leading bearing and gearbox suppliers globally.

Castrol Industrial is part of the Castrol brand which now employs over 7,300 people in more than 130 countries, working at the forefront of advanced lubricant technology.

In July 2000 Castrol became part of BP. Castrol's innovative marketing and brand management expertise has fitted well with BP's ability to build highly profitable, performance-driven businesses.

BP is active on both sides of the U.S. wind market, as leading lubricant supplier and leading US wind farm owner and operator with a gross generating capacity of approximately 2,000 megawatts. This combination and operational insight adds value to Castrol lubricant product development.

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