



From oil and gas to offshore wind

Great Yarmouth-based 3sun Group has led the way in diversifying from a wholly oil and gas business 12 years ago to more than 90% renewables today.

CEO Graham Hacon spotted the long-term opportunity in offshore wind, securing his first wind contract in 2010, came three years after he launched the business supplying control panels for offshore oil and gas platforms.

Soon after, he acquired turbine installation and servicing company Dawson Energy. Using project management systems from oil and gas, 3sun became a major player in turbine installation and inspection on well over 100 wind farms.



It has captured about 70% of the UK offshore wind inspection market and supports installation projects across Europe. Its technicians and engineers have helped install nearly 4500 turbines.

"We've spent over £3m in staff training to be capable and competent in supporting the offshore wind sector," Mr Hacon said.

The business began as a start-up in the Beacon Innovation Centre, Gorleston, which is supported by EEEZ partner Great Yarmouth Borough Council. 3sun Group expanded to have its own headquarters in Southtown and now employs around 300 people.

Mr Hacon also raised the profile of the business through his involvement with EEEZ partner the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR) where he was the

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- 3sun Group has been integral in the installation, servicing and maintenance of offshore wind turbines in UK and European waters, for more than a decade.
- It supplies skilled technicians, statutory inspection teams and delivers cost-effective engineering solutions for offshore renewables and oil and gas clients.
- Its international reputation has grown as a market leader synonymous with reliability, quality and excellence.

founding chair of the Offshore Wind Special Interest Group.

The company grew alongside the renewables industry to offer one of the UK's largest trained workforces, with a global reputation for expertise and has made key contributions to all the major UK and northern European wind farms.

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In its 10th anniversary year, 3sun Group provided pre-assembly and offshore construction work for the Galloper Offshore Wind Farm at Great Yarmouth Harbour.

Its biggest contract so far was servicing the construction stage of the £2.5bn 102-turbine East Anglia ONE wind farm from the project's operations and maintenance base in Lowestoft. 3sun is also providing statutory and crane inspection and certification for Great Yarmouth-based Seajacks' five jack up vessels.

The company took the lead in the employer-led East of England Offshore Wind Skills Centre based at East Coast College Great Yarmouth, sponsoring places, providing equipment and encouraging other employers to be involved, and taking on 16 people so far from its "graduates."

Why invest in the East of England Energy Zone?

"The East of England has been labelled the 'epicentre of energy generation' with Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft described as 'honeypots for investment' with £22bn being invested in offshore wind construction off the east coast," Mr Hacon said.

"We have a world-class supply chain in the region after more than half a century of developing offshore solutions for oil and gas. This expertise is ready to be exported overseas with massive opportunities overseas, on top of the UK pipeline of work."

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