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**Launch of Asia Wind Energy Association**

**Singapore, 16 December 2016** - We are pleased to announce the establishment of Asia Wind Energy Association (**AsiaWEA**) which has been formed by several industry executives from the wind energy sector in Asia.

The association has been set up to become the leading organization for the onshore and offshore wind industry in Asia-Pacific. "Our mission is to establish and promote wind power as the solution to the region's rapidly growing energy demand and environmental challenges, providing meaningful benefits to the region as a whole", according to Mr. Edgare Kerkwijk, one of the founders and board members of the association.

AsiaWEA will coordinate international policy, communications, research and analysis and will provide services to support members' requirements and needs to help their development, offering the best networking and learning opportunities in the sector within Asia-Pacific

The association has already received strong support from several leading stakeholders in the wind industry such as turbine suppliers, developers and investors. "This month we will start with receiving membership applications, while the official membership year will start from January 2017." said Ms. Garima Singhal, membership co-ordinator for the Asia Wind Energy Association.

Several activities are being planned in the coming year. In addition to quarterly membership gatherings and industry-specific seminars, the association will organize the first annual Asia Wind Energy Conference during the Singapore International Energy Week in October 2017.

"We are excited to provide an exciting program with year-round activities for our members which will be organized throughout the Asia-Pacific. The highlight will be the Asia Wind Energy Conference which will be the first large scale regional event for the wind industry." mentioned Edgare Kerkwijk.

The association has already received support from various other associations in the renewable energy sector in the Asia Pacific region. "I am very pleased to hear about the setting up of the Asia Wind Energy Association and look forward to the collaboration between our Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS) and Asia Wind Energy Association (AWEA). This partnership in the area of renewable energy development, networking between members and training can help us achieve our common goals of promoting industry development and emissions reduction.", according to Mr. Edwin Khew, Chairman of the Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore.

Mr. Goh Chee Kiong, Executive Director for Cleantech at Singapore's Economic Development Board (EDB) said, "We are pleased with the establishment of AsiaWEA in Singapore which is aligned with our position as the leading clean energy hub in Asia. As the first wind energy association covering Asia-Pacific, AsiaWEA will help provide thought leadership and training of talent to serve the fast-growing wind energy market in the region. "



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