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LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TO DRIVE OFFSHORE WIND INNOVATION

Australia's most advanced offshore wind developer, Star of the South, is partnering with local business Ampcontrol as part of its proposed Destiny Wind project, to explore innovation opportunities and create local jobs as part of an offshore wind industry.

Destiny Wind is a proposed offshore wind farm off the Hunter coast, led by the team behind Star of the South - Australia's most advanced offshore wind project in Gippsland Victoria.

Ampcontrol is a global business with its head office in the Hunter, with over 800 local employees. Ampcontrol has more than 50 years of experience working within the energy, infrastructure, and resources industries.

The partnership will focus on innovations that could be used in the Hunter region and across Australia's emerging offshore wind industry.

Both Ampcontrol and Destiny Wind are part of the 2024 Hunter New Energy Symposium this week. **Destiny Wind Technical Development Director James Perry** will be speaking on Thursday 22 February about the importance of building local capability for the success of projects like Destiny Wind in the Hunter and Star of the South in Gippsland.

Ampcontrol Managing Director and CEO Rod Henderson will also be speaking on Thursday 22 February about the capability of the Hunter Region to become a leading Australian energy manufacturing powerhouse.

Destiny Wind Acting Project Director, Erin Coldham said the partnership with Ampcontrol is an example of how offshore wind can draw on the long and strong history of traditional energy generation in the region.

"This partnership is an easy decision for us - we need local businesses and suppliers like Ampcontrol be part of Australia's offshore wind industry," she said.

"We've identified some key collaboration areas from both a local and national perspective – it's exciting to see what could be possible.

"Offshore wind would continue the long history of industry excellence in regional areas like the Hunter – local experience and know-how will play a big role in advancing this new Australian industry."

Ampcontrol Managing Director and CEO, Rod Henderson said key industry partnerships play an important role when developing energy solutions of scale.

"Collaboration is essential to bring together the brightest minds so we can think radically to challenge the status quo and disrupt the future of energy," he said.

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About Destiny Wind

Destiny Wind is a proposed floating offshore wind project participating in the Commonwealth Government's Pacific Ocean off the Hunter licencing process. A major energy infrastructure project, Destiny Wind would create local jobs and investment. It is backed by the world's largest greenfield clean energy fund manager, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP), and supported by a local team who combine international experience with local knowledge. Destiny Wind will leverage the local experience, learnings and efficiencies gained from the Star of the South project which has been under development in Gippsland, Victoria through CIP since 2017.

About Ampcontrol

Ampcontrol is challenging the future by solving the most complex problems in energy. Ampcontrol creates energy solutions of scale using innovative collaborations, their smart people and advanced Australian manufacturing. Their vision is to lead the global energy revolution and help make net zero a reality. Every day, Ampcontrol works to support customers in their journey towards decarbonisation. Building on our 55 years of experience working with industry, Ampcontrol is ready to challenge the future and help customers future-proof their business.

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