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**The wind industry will be the main pillar of the global energy industry in Europe and in the US**

**Top industry CEOs share visions at the EWEC 2006 In Athens (1)**

**Athens, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006** — “The world needs solutions from us”, agreed top industry CEOs attending the 2006 European Wind Energy Conference (EWEC) in Athens. The rapidly changing energy supply scene has opened new perspectives and new markets for the global wind energy industry, according to the leading wind industry manufacturers and developers:

**Esteban Morrás Andrés** – CEO, Acciona, Spain

**Thomas Richterich** – CEO, Nordex AG, Germany

**Fritz Vahrenholt** - CEO, REpower Systems AG, Germany

**Per Hornung Pedersen** – CEO, Suzlon Energy, Denmark

**Ditlev Engel** - CEO, Vestas, Denmark

In a dedicated panel, the wind industry CEOs shared their view on the state of the wind energy market at the end of 2005; the globalisation of the wind industry and the development of new technologies.

*\*“In our sector, many things are happening. 2005 was the year of a structural crisis in the conventional energy system. Around the world, countries are worried about the availability of energy resources in the future”, said **Esteban Morrás Andrés** – CEO, Acciona, Spain. “Wind energy is the most significant solution to overcome today’s energy crisis.”*

*\* “Last year, the wind industry saw a rapid development of new wind energy markets – such as France, Portugal and Italy – and heavy increase on market demands also in the US, India and China”, said **Thomas Richterich**, CEO, Nordex AG, Germany. “70% of the capacity currently installed is in Europe, but in the next three years we expect to see the focus shift to Asia and the US”.*

*\* “The wind industry is becoming more global and more professional, we are switching gear as we enter into a more mature era”, said **Per Hornung Pedersen** – CEO, Suzlon Energy, India.”*

*\* “The wind industry will be the main pillar of the global energy industry in Europe, and also in the US”, said **Fritz Vahrenholt** - CEO, REpower Systems AG, Germany.*

\* *“As future developments on the technology front, Vestas believes in the potential of offshore wind and we will be there to meet the challenge”*, said **Ditlev Engel** - CEO, Vestas, Denmark.

Notes to editors:

(1) EWEC 2006 - European Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition - hosts over 500 oral and poster presentations, 150 companies exhibiting and over 2100 attendees.  
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