

Suzlon starts offshore project

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Ahmedabad: Suzlon Group has commissioned its first operational offshore Met (meteorological) station in the Arabia Sea, the country's largest renewable energy solutions provider said in a statement.

"Having pioneered wind energy industry in India, it is a proud moment for us to commission our first operational offshore Met station. The installation of the station will aid in better assessment of offshore wind and lead the way in harnessing India's vast offshore wind energy potential," said J P Chalasani, Group CEO, Suzlon.

Suzlon, along with its associates, has installed the first operational offshore Lidar (light detection and ranging)-based wind measurement station in Arabian Sea, South-West of Jakhau port in Kutch.

The station is expected to collect data for a period of two years.

"The offshore wind data collection platform is in-



stalled at about 16 km from the shore in territorial waters of Gujarat under control of Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) at a water depth of about 11 metre, where the tidal range is 4 metre. The support platform is at a height of about 14 metre above water level," Suzlon said.

The unmanned station will be powered by solar energy and will be remotely monitored for maintenance needs.

Additionally, an onshore mast of 150 metre has also been installed for validation/correlation purposes.