

Immobilisation of the vessel AEOLUS for tooling verification

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The jack up vessel AEOLUS in charge of drilling and installing the piles for the foundations of the Saint-Brieuc offshore wind farm is currently immobilised on site.

This decision was taken following a technical problem encountered during the second round of drilling carried out. This technical problem resulted in the leakage of Panolin HLP SYNTH hydraulic fluid used in the drill rig guidance systems.

This fluid, specially designed and developed for work at sea, is biodegradable according to the international OECD 301B international criteria. It is considered in the industry as one of the most environmentally friendly. It is widely used for underwater applications, for work at sea, due to its low impact on the environment.

Ailes Marines takes all environmental issues very seriously. In accordance with its procedures, work was immediately halted pending technical inspection of the drilling rig by the authorities. Once this inspection is completed, the AEOLUS will return to its home port to carry out a full technical check of the vessel and equipment.

Ailes Marines collaborates with the maritime authorities in the management of operations.

About Ailes Marines:

Winner of a national call for projects with the Baie de Saint-Brieuc offshore wind farm project, AILES MARINES is in charge of the development, construction, installation and operation of the offshore wind farm. It is a simplified joint stock company (SAS), 100% owned by IBERDROLA.

Key figures for the Baie de Saint-Brieuc offshore wind farm project:

- 75 km² in area
- 62 Siemens Gamesa SG 8.0-167 DD 8 MW wind turbines
- 496 MW of installed capacity
- 1 820 GWh/an de production, soit la consommation annuelle en électricité de 835 000 habitants (chauffage compris)

All information concerning the Saint-Brieuc offshore wind farm project developed by the company Ailes Marines is available on the website <https://ailes-marines.bzh/>

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