

# Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm



United Kingdom

## Key features of the financing:

- Developed and operated by DONG, the leading global offshore wind developer
- Multi contract construction package and DONG Energy and Macquarie have agreed a framework for sharing construction risk
- Revenues supported by the UK RO regime



## SPONSORS

- Macquarie Capital
- Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 5



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Financing of the acquisition of a 50% stake in the Race Bank offshore windfarm project, which comprises the construction, maintenance and operation of a 573MW offshore wind farm located in the Greater Wash, UK, approximately 27km from the North Norfolk coast.

The Race Bank offshore wind farm has been developed by DONG, the world's leading developer, owner and operator of offshore wind projects, who divested a 50% stake of the project to Macquarie Capital and Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund 5, both together holding a 50% share in the Project.

Construction commenced in July 2015 and is materially advanced, with COD expected in February 2018. It is being undertaken on a multi-contract approach managed by DONG, with recognized and market-leader contractors including Siemens who will provide and install 91 Siemens 6MW wind turbines with performance-enhancing features. As part of the transaction DONG Energy and Macquarie have agreed a framework for sharing construction risk. The operations of the Project will be managed by DONG, under a long term O&M agreement.

The Project will benefit from renewable support under the UK Renewable Obligation regime. Dong will also be the long term offtaker for power and renewable benefits.

## FINANCING

The financing closed on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The total transaction proceeds, consisting of the acquisition of a 50% ownership share and commitment to fund 50% of the project CAPEX including transmission assets, amount to approx. GBP 1.6 billion. The proceeds are payable from 2016 until completion of the project and is funded by a combination of project finance debt and equity..

## ROLE OF NATIXIS

Natixis acted as Mandated Lead Arranger and Hedging Bank.

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