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# Suzlon crosses 1,000 MW in Kutch; developing India's largest wind park

- Wind park development initiated in August 2005
- Features full range of Suzlon's turbine models, including latest S9X

**Pune:** The Kutch wind park, being developed by the Suzlon Group – the world's fifth largest\* wind turbine maker, has crossed 1,000 MW (1 GW) of installed capacity. This achievement makes the wind park one of the largest of its kind in India, a proud accomplishment for the state of Gujarat and Suzlon.

Suzlon currently has a total installed capacity of over 1,500 MW in the state of Gujarat, accounting for nearly 50 per cent of the total wind power installations. The other locations in Gujarat where Suzlon has installations are in the districts of Jamnagar, Porbandar, Rajkot and Bhavnagar.

Speaking on this achievement, **Mr Rohit Modi, CEO – India and emerging markets, Suzlon Energy Limited,** said: "Suzlon is proud to be playing such a vital role in powering the state of Gujarat through sustainable energy solutions. Suzlon credits this achievement to the trust, support and encouragement of the state government, customers, policy makers, state power utilities, suppliers and local communities who have played a vital role in bringing this dream project to fruition.

"The Kutch wind park is a powerful illustration of how Suzlon serves its customers and the communities we work in. We take this opportunity to renew our commitment to Gujarat and to harness the incredible wind potential in the state."

This wind park lights up the lives of the local community through Suzlon Foundation's interventions. Implemented under Suzlon's commitment to sustainable development, the Foundation has positively impacted more than 6,000 families in over 79 villages in the Kutch district, through initiatives like water conservation, revitalization of Kutch craft, employment for differently able individuals, and tree plantation as well as community organization and education support.

Suzlon's maiden project for this wind park was initiated in August 2005 at Changdai site in Gujarat. The wind park comprises Suzlon's entire product portfolio – ranging from the 600 kW model to the latest S9X – 2.1 MW series.

The wind park includes a cluster of wind farm sites spread across the Kutch district namely Nanisindholi, Suthri, Jakhau, Amaliyara, Vanku, Lathedi, Jamanvada, Sinoi & Shikarpur.

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### Wind energy in Guiarat

Gujarat has fast emerged as a hub for renewable energy in India with the rapid growth of solar and wind energy installations in the state. In terms of wind energy development, the state has a cumulative installed capacity of over 3,000 MW of which over 75 per cent has been added over the last five years. The state is blessed with good wind regimes and has a potential of  $\sim 35,000$  MW, according to estimates by Centre for Wind Energy Technology (CWET). The state's policy framework has been supportive and encouraging towards the development of wind power projects. Suzlon has been the major contributor and market leader for wind energy development in the state giving it a commanding market share of nearly 50 per cent.

#### **About Suzion Foundation**

The Foundation leads corporate social responsibility initiatives for the Suzlon Group. Registered as a Section 25 company in December 2007, the Foundation has initiated a number of projects in partnership with civil society organizations for sustainable development. Today the Foundation supports over 200 programs in eight states and two union territories; and is in partnership with more than 50 NGOs and 2,500 community based organizations. Reaching out to over two lakh people in approximately 1,000 villages, the development programs have helped improve the lives of 115,000 families and works in the areas of soil and water conservation, tree plantation, enhancing access and quality of education and improving amenities such drinking water, sanitation and electrification. For more information visit www.suzlonfoundation.org

## **About Suzion Group:**

The Suzlon Group is ranked as the world's fifth largest\* wind turbine supplier, in terms of cumulative installed capacity, at the end of 2011. The company's global spread extends across Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and North and South America with installations of over 20,000 MW and operations across 32 countries and a workforce of approximately 13,000. The Group offers one of the most comprehensive product portfolios – ranging from sub-megawatt on-shore turbines at 600 Kilowatts (KW), to the world's largest commercially-available offshore turbine at 6.15 MW – with a vertically integrated, low-cost, manufacturing base. The Group – headquartered at Suzlon One Earth in Pune, India – comprises Suzlon Energy Limited and its subsidiaries, including REpower Systems SE. Visit us at www.suzlon.com

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