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Suzlon partners in Surat Municipal Corporation's green drive

- Repeat order from Surat Municipal Corporation
- Increases Surat Municipal Corporation's total wind portfolio to 11.4 MW

Pune: Suzlon Group, the world's fifth* largest wind turbine supplier, announced its second consecutive order from Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) to set up, operate and maintain a 8.4 MW wind energy project in Gujarat. SMC holds the unique distinction of being India's first civic body to set up a wind power project in the country and sets an example for other civic bodies across the country.

The contract was awarded through the tender process. The project will comprise of four units of Suzlon's S95 - 2.1 MW wind turbine and will be commissioned in early CY 2013.

Suzlon supplied a maiden 3 MW wind power project in 2010 for the SMC in Adodar, Gujarat. The new project will augment SMC's existing wind power portfolio to 11.4 MW. Once commissioned, the project will help SMC to reduce its carbon footprint by eliminating approximately 15,000 tones of CO₂ emissions per-annum.

Speaking on the order **Mr. Jatin Shah, City Engineer – Surat Municipal Corporation**, said: "This green energy endeavor aligns with our strategy to be socially and environmentally committed. Through this initiative, we not only aim to reduce our energy costs, but also adopt sustainable energy pathways. We have immense trust in Suzlon's expertise and service capabilities to deliver end-to-end solutions in wind energy that precisely suit our needs. We see Suzlon as a long-term partner in our green energy endeavors."

Mr Rohit Modi, CEO – India and emerging markets, Suzlon Energy Limited, said: "Suzlon is happy to be partnering with the Surat Municipal Corporation for the second time in supporting them towards fulfilling their commitment towards being an environmentally responsible civic body. We are proud to be a part of Gujarat's strategy to create a future-ready low carbon economy and look forward to strengthening this relationship in future. Suzlon has been a market leader in India for the past 13 years in a row, in Gujarat we have installed over 1.5 GW and has built the largest wind farm in the country at Kutch."

Surat Municipal Corporation:

Surat Municipal Corporation is a local self government which came into being under the Bombay Provincial Municipal Act, 1949. It carries out all the obligatory functions and discretionary functions entrusted by the BPMC Act, 1949. The mission of the Corporation entails to make Surat a dynamic, vibrant, beautiful, self-reliant and sustainable city with all basic amenities, to provide a better quality of life.

**About Suzlon 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 approaching 20,000 MW of wind energy capacity installed in 30 countries, operations across 33 countries and a workforce of over 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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