

<u>Press Release</u> Thursday, January 01, 2009 For Immediate Release

## Ecofin acquires 10% stake in Suzlonsubsidiary Hansen Transmissions

London / India: AE-Rotor Holding B.V. ("AERH"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Suzlon Energy Limited ("Suzlon"), the world's fifth leading and India's largest wind turbine manufacturer\* announced today that it has agreed on 31 December 2008 to sell 67,010,421 shares (10% equity) in Hansen Transmissions International NV ("Hansen") (LSE ticker 'HSN'), an established global gearbox designer, manufacturer and supplier with a leading position in the wind turbine gearbox market, to funds managed by Ecofin Limited, a London based specialised investment firm (together, "Ecofin"). Following completion of the acquisition, Ecofin will have a voting and economic interest in Hansen of approximately 11.62%. Ecofin has undertaken to Suzlon, subject to customary exceptions, not to dispose of the shares acquired from Suzlon until after 30 June 2009. The lock-up is renounceable in certain circumstances, as outlined below. Following this disposal, the Suzlon Group will retain a voting and economic interest in Hansen of approximately 61.28%.

The terms of the relationship agreement entered into between Hansen and Suzlon give Suzlon the right to appoint two non-executive directors to the Board of Hansen for so long as its shareholding in Hansen is a minimum of 26%. Under the terms of the agreement entered into with Ecofin, Suzlon has granted Ecofin the right to nominate one such director for so long as Ecofin's shareholding in Hansen is a minimum of 8%. Ecofin has indicated that it does not currently intend to exercise this right. This right is renounceable at Ecofin's option within 3 months following completion, in consideration for the release of the lock-up obligation in respect of the shares acquired by Ecofin. Suzlon remains a committed long term strategic investor in Hansen.

## \* BTM Consult ApS – World Market Update 2007

## **About Suzion Energy Limited**

Suzlon ranked as the world's fifth leading wind turbine manufacturer with over 10.5 % of global market share in 2007. The company has ranked as the leading manufacturer in the Indian market for nine consecutive years, maintaining over 50% market share. Suzlon has its corporate offices in Pune, India and company's global spread reflects in its projects and markets portfolio - extending across Asia, Australia, Europe and North and South America. Suzlon is a highly vertically integrated wind turbine manufacturer with manufacturing capability along the full value chain – from components to complete wind turbine systems. The company currently has a combined manufacturing base of 2,700 MW of annual capacity, and has a further 3,000 MW of capacity coming on stream. Please visit <a href="https://www.suzlon.com">www.suzlon.com</a>

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