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**OFFSHORE WIND IN EUROPE-  
THE ENERGY OF THE FUTURE**

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Being the world leader in developing the next generation  
of renewable energy technologies

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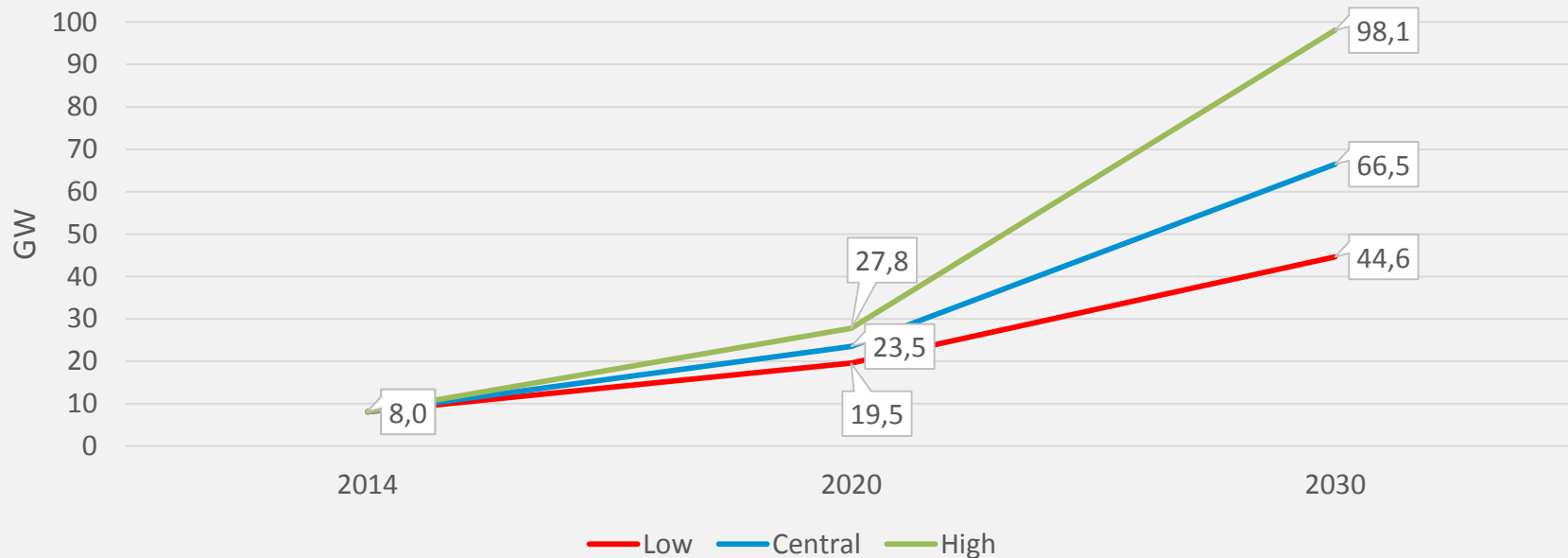
**MHI VESTAS OFFSHORE WIND**

## Offshore wind in Europe - the energy of the future

- Offshore wind has the potential to meet Europe's energy demand seven times over
- Europe has over 91% of globally installed offshore wind capacity, it is a market and technology leader
- Wind resources offshore are stronger than onshore, generating more energy with fewer turbines
- Offshore wind can provide huge power resources to major cities located close to the coastline and boost energy security



## EWEA Wind Energy Scenarios – Offshore Wind



## Creating a power hub for offshore wind in the North Sea

- Ambitious CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets across EU member states coupled with targets for renewable energy above 30% of power generation will drive the market
- Long term commitments with clear visibility will encourage investment in new technologies
- Interconnection between national grid capacity within the EU to transport energy from the North Sea offshore wind power plants to the major cities
- Continued focus by industry to relentlessly drive down the levelised cost of energy through creation of powerful partnerships between suppliers

## Reducing cost of energy:

- More powerful wind turbines
- Faster installation time
- Reduced electrical infrastructure
- Fewer foundations
- Fewer service visits
- Increased focus on reliability
- Steady volume to reduce cost



The V164-8.0 MW- the world's most powerful wind turbine

## The future of offshore wind power

When commissioned in 2019 Horns Rev 3 is expected to be 32% cheaper than the Anholt project



### **Anholt offshore wind power plant**

Turbines: 3.6 MW

Power output: 400 MW

Commissioned: 2013

Price/MWh: EUR 151



### **Horns Rev 3 offshore wind power plant**

Turbines: 8 MW

Power output: 400 MW

Expected commissioning: 2019

Price/MWh: EUR 103



## Conclusions

- Europe is the world's technology leader in offshore wind
- Europe, especially the North Sea has significant offshore wind resource
- Long term targets will help drive investment
- More interconnectors will ensure the resource secures maximum value
- Costs are falling - offshore wind will help ensure the low carbon transition is affordable
- Offshore wind is a scalable, deliverable source of low carbon power
- Offshore wind has a significant potential in other parts of the world



## OFFSHORE WIND AND INTEGRATION IN NORTHWEST EUROPE'S GRID

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