OX2 CHALLENGES WITH FINANCING WIND POWER IN COLD CLIMATE

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#### A leading turnkey developer in the Nordic region

Founded in 2004

ABOUT OX2

- Built and developed ca 1000 MW
- Technical and commercial management for >200 WTGs (500 MW)
- Turnkey supplier of 250 MW during 2014
- Revenue 2014E: 200 MEUR
- >80 employees in in Sweden (HQ), Finland and Poland
- Ownership structure: Supplier independent and privately held
- Project pipeline of >2,500 MW in late stage development





### **OX2** has extensive experience from cold climate

- Built 4 projects ca 80 WTGs (190 MW) north of the Polar Circle
- During 2014 OX2 had 6 projects (250MW) under construction, all north of Dalälven
- All 2014 turbines constructed with cold climate package
- 80% of turbines ordered with active de-icing systems
- Operations portfolio covers >400MW north of Dalälven





# Business model with value proposition towards both local developers and investors

#### OX2 offer to Local developers

- Technical design and optimization capacity
- Access to international institutional capital
- Expertise and resources to manage a large project from start to finish



#### **OX2** offer to Investors

- Access to high quality projects
- Proven track record of development and construction
- Technical and commercial management
- Optimizing risk/return profile

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### Challenges with financing wind power in cold climate

- Expect that investors and their consultants are not necessarily familiar with the challenges of cold climate development and construction and that this topic should be covered early in the process
- If treated right the cold climate challenges in relations to financing are fairly straight forward and comparable to financing of normal climate sites
- Due to technology improvements and experiences in the market, the scene might change over the course of a financing process



### **Ice-loss calculations**

- Agreeing on a net-P50 for the wind farm is essential to the valuation and financing process
- Consultancies and investors have different view and experience on how to treat ice-losses
- High uncertainties in all methods used today
- Ice-loss to be included in net-p50 is dependent on the level of warranties the de-icing system comes with



### **Procurement limitations**

- CAPEX is generally higher on cold climate sites, especially turbines, due to more works included and more risks during erection/commissioning
- In general there is less turbine models available for cold climate which gives the developers less negotiation power
- Selecting the right turbine is the #1 critical process in a wind project
- Most turbine suppliers have cold climate packages but few have good and proven de-icing systems on all models, however almost all suppliers have at least one model with de-icing systems
- Limited production capacity and less automation in manufacturing of de-icing blades, i.e. risk for delay and longer lead time on construction





## Timing

- Construction period is in general somewhat longer then for warm-climate projects
- Certain activities may only be done during certain periods of the year at cold climate sites ,and a wrongly estimated financing period can have severe impact on the construction phase
  - I.e. if financial close is planned for a date that is critical to start construction directly, any delay may lead to not 1:1 delay of the project but a 6-12 month delay due to seasonal effects.
- A delay could have severe impact on Interest during construction / Cost of capital



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## Case study Glötesvålen

- Construction was started late summer 2012 with roads up to the site
- Summer 2013 all foundations and electrical work completed
- Summer 2014 was used for turbine erection, V90 3,0 MW
- The project is a prototype project for the Vestas de-icing system supported by the Swedish Energy Agency

Key Facts	
Number of WTGs	30
Maximum Rated Power	90MW
Hub height	80m
Wind speed at hub height	> 8.1 m/s
Net energy output (P50)	>220 GWh
Owner	IKEA







## **Case study Maevaara**

- Construction was started late summer 2013
- Summer 2013 all foundations and electrical work completed
- Summer and autumn of 2014 was used for turbine erection
- Winter 2014/2015 is used for commissioning
- Selected turbine supplier is Nordex with the N117 3.0 MW including anti-icing system

Key Facts	
Number of WTGs	24
Maximum Rated Power	72MW
Hub height	119m
Wind speed at hub height	> 7.6 m/s
Owner	Allianz



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## OX2 has a strong portfolio of 2015 projects

- Portfolio in Finland starting to mature in 2015
  - 100-200 MW of projects ready for construction by 2015
- Several large projects in Sweden
  - Lehtirova 130 MW
  - Högkölen 90 MW
- In addition to some smaller:
  - Stigshöjden 20 MW
  - Orrberget 30 MW





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