

Vestas approves first fill agreement for Castrol synthetic gear oil

Global deal will see Castrol deliver its gear oil Optigear Synthetic CT to all Vestas built and serviced wind turbines.

2nd December 2013 - Global lubricants specialist Castrol has signed a global three year deal with Denmark-based Vestas Wind Systems, the world's leading wind turbine manufacturer, to deliver first and service fillsⁱ for all of its new builds and existing turbines with more than 57 GW of installed capacity worldwide.

It is projected that Castrol will deliver in excess of 1.5 million litres a year under this deal. The agreement follows the full product approval for global use, which came after a three-year trial.

John Carey, Vice-President, Castrol Lubricants business for Aviation, Industrial, Marine and Energy said: "This agreement is the result of a close collaboration with Vestas using our extensive expertise to deliver the best result for the company. At Castrol, working alongside our customers is key to developing solutions that are able to meet their needs, and Castrol Optigear Synthetic CT gear oil has been formulated specifically for use in wind turbine gear box applications. Designed to perform in some of the most challenging environments and with a very good thermal stability, Castrol Optigear Synthetic CT gear oil high viscosity index makes the product suitable for operations in a wide range of temperatures. Castrol global footprint allows us to work with the Vestas team and support them worldwide'.

Vestas is dedicated exclusively to wind energy and one of the clear leaders in its development. It delivers cost-effective wind technologies, products and services with almost 50,000 wind turbines installed worldwide.

About Castrol

Castrol Industrial has more than 25 years' experience in the wind energy market and its lubricants were used in the world's first wind energy projects in the early 1980s. The company offers a wind market dedicated full synthetic gear oil range alongside complementary lubricant products and associated services. These include specialist testing facilities for screening new technologies and simulating operating conditions, as well as used oil analysis, 'Castrol LabCheck' and 'Castrol Predict' to verify long-term characteristics and customised lubricants training for wind farm operators. Castrol's wind turbine-specific lubricants are chosen 'first fill' lubricant for some of the world's major turbine manufacturers and is recommended by many leading bearing and gearbox suppliers globally. Castrol Industrial is part of the Castrol brand which now employs over 7,300 people in more than 130 countries, working at the forefront of advanced lubricant technology. In July 2000 Castrol became part of BP. Castrol's innovative marketing and brand management expertise has fitted well with BP's ability to build highly profitable, performance-driven businesses.

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ⁱ first fill is the term used to indicate the gear oil for new turbines; service fill is the term used to indicate the gear oil for turbines in service