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WindEurope and the Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC) today agreed to work together to deliver the WindEurope Conference & Exhibition from 2-4 April 2019 in Bilbao. The conference and exhibition is the most important event in Europe for the wind industry and is one of the reference events of the association, with an average of 8,000 professionals attending from all over the world and over 400 exhibitors from 50 countries.

The Basque Country is a shining example of the economic strength and potential of the wind industry, a sector which represents 330,000 jobs across Europe. It illustrates that even a region that is not the best natural wind resource itself is benefitting hugely from the growth of the sector by producing and exporting the relevant equipment and technology to the rest of Spain and Europe.

The region has become a significant industrial cluster for wind energy, and this is creating real local economic value and jobs. Haizea Wind, for example, is currently undertaking new investment and will soon present its latest initiative in the region. Along with the recent decision by the newly-formed Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy to base their global HQ in Bilbao, it's just one of many examples of the importance of the industry in and around Bilbao – and illustrates why Bilbao is a logical choice to host the annual European wind industry get-together in 2019.

WindEurope CEO Giles Dickson said: “The Basque Country made a conscious decision to invest in the wind industry and is reaping the benefits in investment, jobs and growth. More broadly Spain is also a leading European wind manufacturing hub, accounting for 22,000 jobs and billions in export revenue. Our bet on Bilbao is a sign of returning industry confidence. After a tough past three years, Spain’s wind energy market is now back on the map”.

Spanish Wind Energy Association (AEE) Chairman Juan Diego Diaz said: “The more than 20 industrial centres that our members have in the region not only make Bilbao a reference point for the celebration of this conference but also highlight the Basque Government’s commitment to our industry. AEE considers the Basque Country to be a strategic area for the development of the domestic and international wind power industry and the most important offshore hub of Spain”.

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