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Efficient and Robust Wind Turbines: Nordex Group Presents Schaeffler with Innovation Award

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- Supplier Award in the “Innovation” category from the Nordex Group for Schaeffler
- Recognition of a long-standing development partnership
- “Closed Loop Engineering“ as basis for the sustainable advancement of wind turbines

Schaeffler, the Motion Technology Company, has received the supplier award in the category “Innovation” from the Nordex Group at the world’s leading trade fair, “WindEnergy” Hamburg.

“The energy transition places significant technological and economic demands on the wind industry. To meet these challenges, we need strong partners who do not merely promise innovation but translate it into concrete, reliable solutions. With its development expertise and partnership-based approach, Schaeffler makes an important contribution to this goal,” said Jose Luis Blanco, CEO of the Nordex Group.

Schaeffler is a preferred development partner of Nordex, supporting the company as a leading supplier of main bearings. Schaeffler’s products are used throughout the drivetrain of Nordex’s wind turbines.

“Nordex is a strategically important partner for us in a dynamic growth market. With our innovative bearing solutions, we support the continuous advancement of high-performance and reliable wind turbines,“ said Sascha Zaps, CEO Bearings & Industrial Solutions, Schaeffler AG. “We are pleased to further expand our cooperation and jointly develop solutions that strengthen our customers’ competitiveness and enable further growth in the wind energy market.“

Joint Development of Bearing Concepts

The joint development activities focus, among other things, on the development of more robust drivetrain solutions and bearing concepts for the next generation of wind turbines.

Nordex’s portfolio currently focuses on wind turbines in the four- to seven-megawatt power class. With these onshore turbines, the Nordex Group, headquartered in Hamburg, is one of the leading global suppliers.

The award confirms Schaeffler's commitment to serving as a strategic development partner to the wind industry. Schaeffler's "Closed Loop Engineering" approach forms a closed feedback loop in which the insights gained are fed back into product development.

"We conduct extensive system simulations, tests under realistic conditions and field measurement campaigns. We use the results to continuously improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of our products – and therefore of the overall system," explained Bernd Endres, Vice President Business Unit Large Roller Bearings & Sector Wind at Schaeffler.

For further information on Schaeffler's wind energy solutions, please click here: https://medias.schaeffler.de/en/wind

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Schaeffler Group – We pioneer motion: The Schaeffler Group has been driving forward groundbreaking inventions and developments in the field of motion technology for 80 years. With innovative technologies, products, and services for electric mobility, chassis solutions, and renewable energies, the company is a reliable partner for making motion more efficient, intelligent, and sustainable – over the entire life cycle. Schaeffler describes its comprehensive range of products and services by means of eight product families: from bearing solutions and all types of linear guidance systems through to repair and monitoring services. With around 110,000 employees and more than 250 locations in 55 countries, Schaeffler is one of the world's largest family-owned companies and ranks among Germany's most innovative organizations.

Award-winning partnership: Nordex Group CEO Jose Luis Blanco (2nd from left) and CPO Wim Geldorf (right) present the supplier award in the category "Innovation" to Sascha Zaps, CEO Bearings & Industrial Solutions, Schaeffler AG, and Bernd Endres, Vice President Business Unit Large Roller Bearings & Sector Wind at Schaeffler (left). (Photo: Schaeffler)

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