



Wind Industry Veteran Bernie Holst Joins Padoma Wind Power, LLC as Senior Vice President, Operations

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PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 28, 2006--Padoma Wind Power LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG), has named Bernie Holst Senior Vice President, Operations. Holst is now responsible for the Company's overall wind farm operations, turbine evaluation and procurement, as well as serving as the interface between construction and operations.

"Bernie is very knowledgeable and has a great track record in this industry," said Jan C. Paulin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Padoma Wind Power and Senior Vice President, NRG Energy, Inc. "Having him on our senior management team will no doubt provide a significant boost to Padoma's overall capabilities and already established market potential."

Holst has been immersed in the wind industry for more than 25 years with experience in wind turbine service and operations, construction and project financing and project management and administration. His vast experience includes developing wind turbine and wind farm test procedures related to project development and wind turbine warranty obligations.

Holst came to Padoma from Garrard Hassan America, a wind energy consultancy based in San Diego, where as President he performed due diligence for banks, assessed ongoing project operations and maintenance activities and managed wind resource assessment activities in the United States. Holst previously worked for the Battelle Northwest Labs, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute and SeaWest WindPower, LLC.

About Padoma Wind Power

A wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc., Padoma Wind Power is a wind farm developer whose principals have developed, financed, built and operated more than 40 wind farms in the United States and Europe. The Company is based in La Jolla, California.

About NRG Energy, Inc.

NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power-generating facilities, primarily in Texas and the Northeast, South Central and Western regions of the United States. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration facilities, thermal energy production and energy resource recovery facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities in Australia, Brazil and Germany. NRG's acquisition of Padoma is part of "ecoNRG," the Company's ongoing and extensive environmental business effort, targeted at reducing NRG's environmental footprint.

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