



# WTG Blade Inspection & Asset Management Using Drones



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# About CYBERHAWK



# Cyberhawk At A Glance



- World Leaders
  - UAV inspection, survey & visual asset management
  - Sectors: Wind , Oil and Gas, Utilities, Infrastructure
- Safe and Proven
  - Founded in 2008
  - >30,000 commercial flights safely executed







CYBERHAWK Team

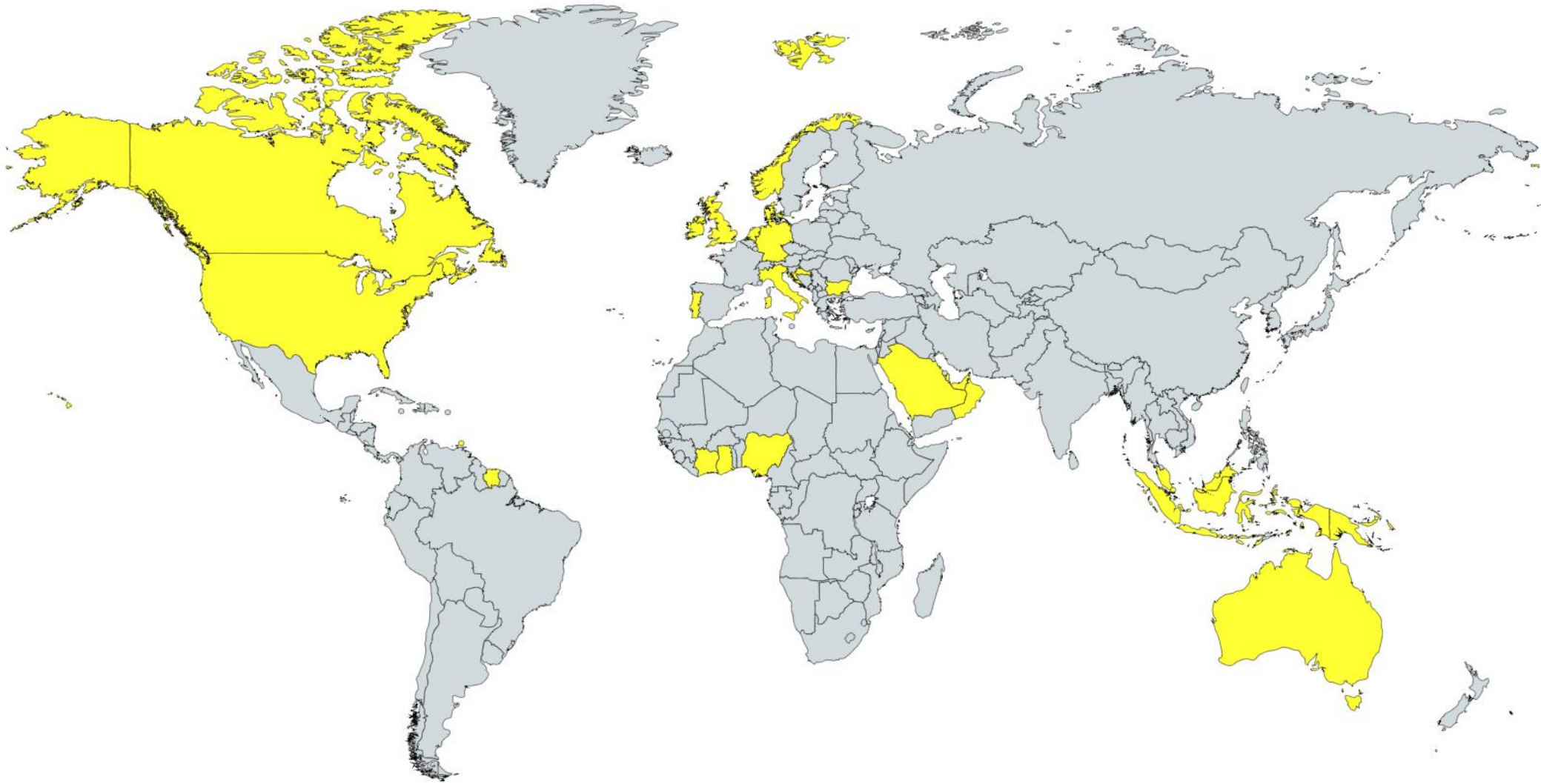
>50 Members of Staff

>15 Operational Field Teams

Pilots  
Inspection Engineers  
Surveyors  
Software Developers



# Global Experience





# Selected Clients





# Our Experience

## Offshore Wind Farms

- Anholt
- BorWin
- Docking Shoal
- Dogger Bank
- Greater Gabbard
- HelWin
- Lincs
- Moray
- Race Bank
- Rhyl Flats
- Robin Rigg
- SylWin
- Teesside
- Trianel
- West of Duddon Sands

## Onshore Wind Farms

- Scotland
- Republic of Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- England
- Denmark
- Germany
- Croatia
- Turkey



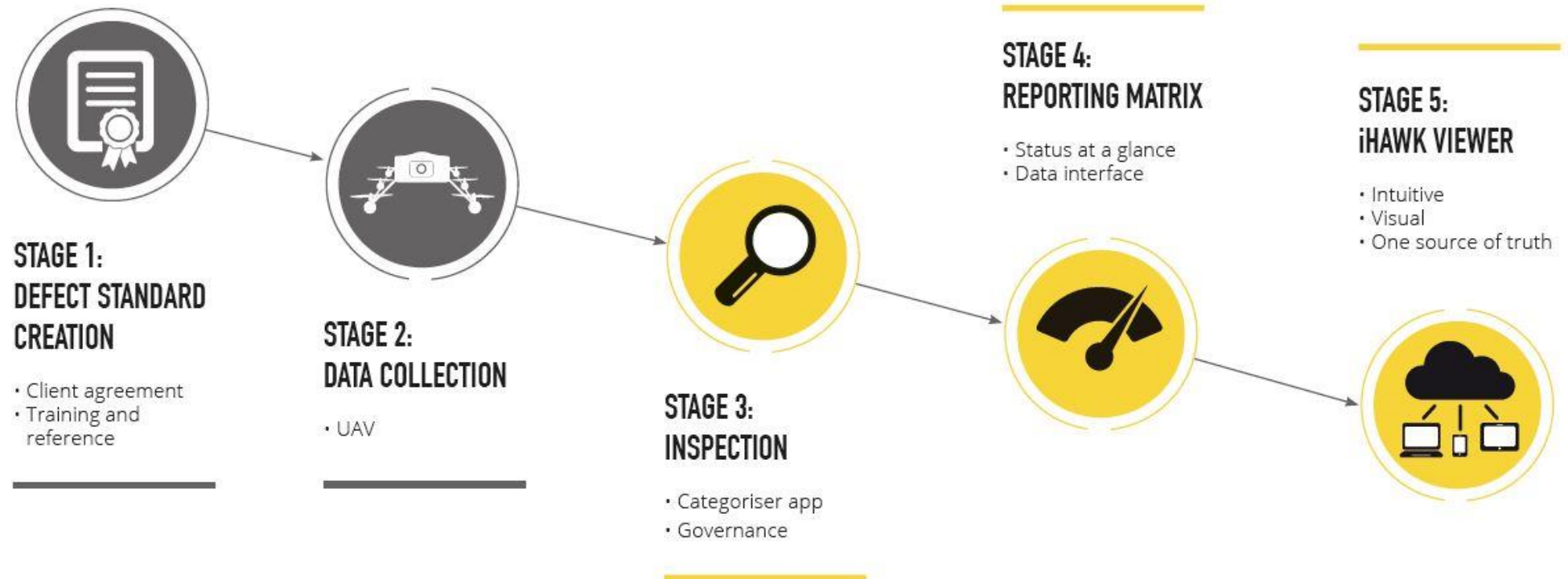




# UAV Blade Inspection



# Cyberhawk Blade Inspection Process





Defect Standard

Data  
Collection





Inspection

Reporting  
Matrix

iHawk  
Viewer

- A 'Defect Standard Manual' is created and agreed with the client
- The manual has condition ratings from 1-5 (1 = good condition, 5 = bad condition) or to the client's specification
- The manual includes an example image against each condition for each component to remove subjectivity

1	Good Condition
2	Superficial Damage
3	Functional Damage
4	Structural Damage: May Cause Turbine Stoppage
5	Substantial Structural Damage – Stop Turbine

	
4 – Severe damage, shell exposed	3 – Damage penetrating through surface coating
	
2 – Minor damage to coating	1 – Coating in good condition



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- 1 x Pilot, 1 x Inspector + UAV equipment for on site data collection
- 100% image coverage for every blade
- Average onshore collection speed 4-10 turbines per day





- 2 Person Team = Pilot & Blade Inspector
- Pilot
  - CAA Pilot Qualification
  - Trained to fly fully manually to increase safety
- Inspector
  - Engineer who ensures correct images captured
  - Identifies safety critical defect before detailed inspection at office
- Drone
  - 8 independent rotors to ensure redundancy & safety
  - Light and small = 2kg & 1m





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- Inspection engineers and in-house developed software used for inspection
- Accurate defect measurement and positioning:
  - +/-5mm on defect sizing
  - +/-0.5m on defect location from root
- Quality Assurance process to ensure inspection accuracy





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- Categorised and approved data summarised into a “traffic light” RAG status Summary Reporting Matrix for each site
- High level overview of the site condition can be seen at a glance

WTG Data			Rotor Blades											
WTG No	Inspection Date	WGS 84- Lat/Long	Blade - SGL-0538				Blade - SGL-0540				Blade - SGL-0541			
			Pressure Side	Suction Side	Leading Edge	Trailing Edge	Pressure Side	Suction Side	Leading Edge	Trailing Edge	Pressure Side	Suction Side	Leading Edge	Trailing Edge
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- A Detailed Reporting Matrix for each blade is then provided
- 1000's of inspection findings and high definition images of a wind farm captured for an "at a glance" status
- Defect trends easily visible
- Maintenance priorities clearly identified

			Leading Edge										Trailing Edge										Pressure Side										Suction Side									
Blade	Inspection Date	WGS 84 - Lat/Long	Deformation	Bonding deficiencies	Transportation or impact damage	Coating Damage	Cracks/Fractures	Lightning Damage	Aerodynamic Aids	Surface contamination	Other	Deformation	Bonding Deficiencies	Transportation or impact damage	Coating Damage	Cracks/Fractures	Lightning Damage	Aerodynamic Aids	Surface contamination	Other	Deformation	Bonding deficiencies	Transportation or impact damage	Coating Damage	Cracks/Fractures	Lightning Damage	Surface contamination	Balance Weight	Other	Deformation	Bonding Deficiencies	Transportation or impact damage	Coating Damage	Cracks/Fractures	Lightning Damage	Surface contamination	Drain Hole	Aerodynamic Aids	Balance Weights	Other		
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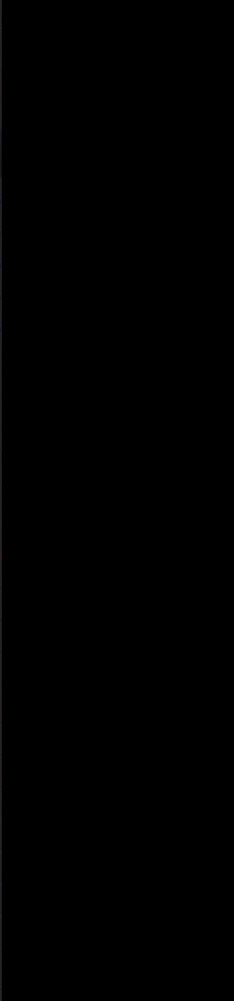
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Map interface, wind farm locations

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Wind Turbines

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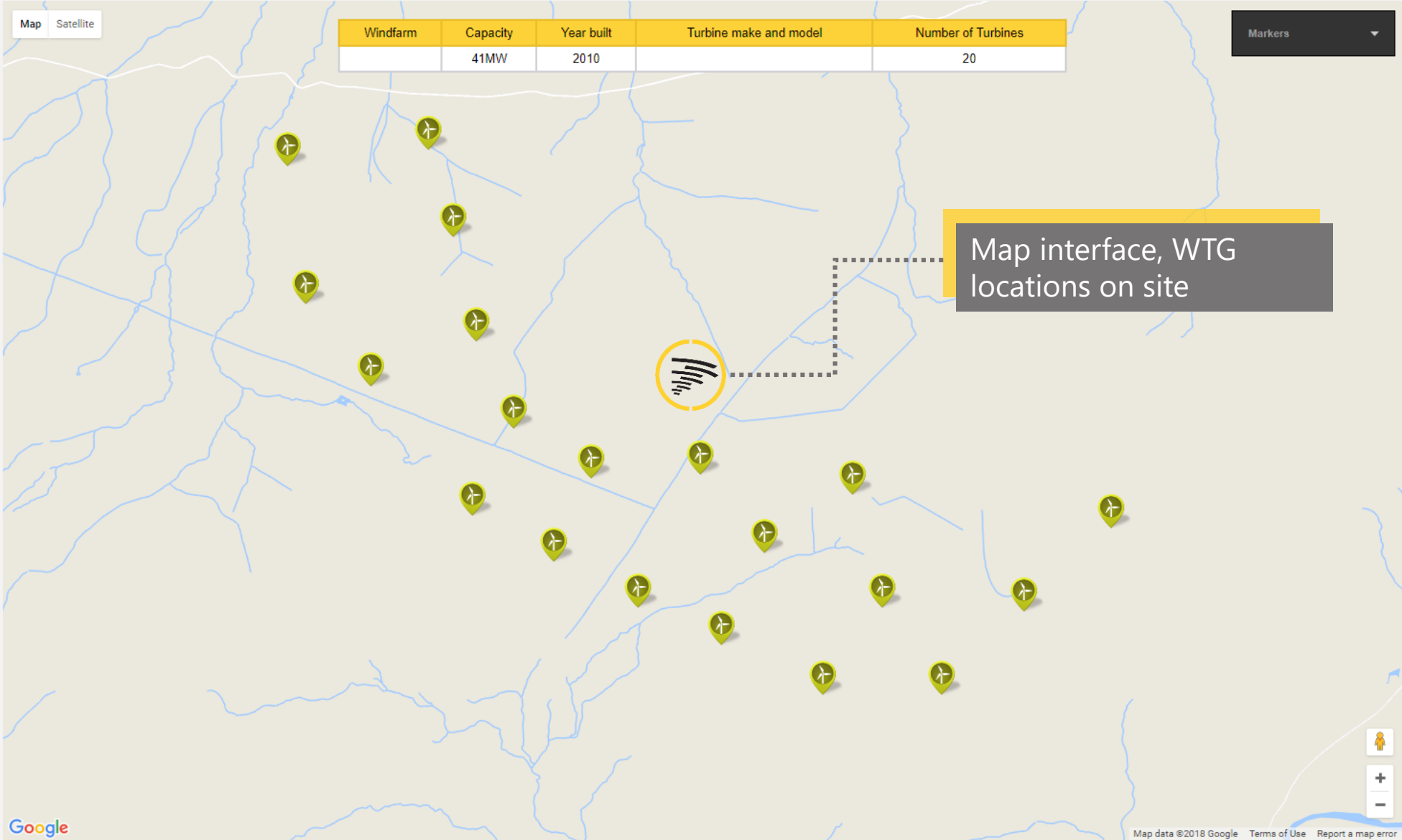


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5	Substantial Structural Damage
4	Structural Damage
3	Functional Damage
2	Superficial Damage
1	Good working condition



Wind farm summary  
reporting matrix



Turbine: WTG 7  
Inspection date: 05-09-2017

## Blades

SGL-0485



SGL-0486



SGL-0487



Show Condition Matrix



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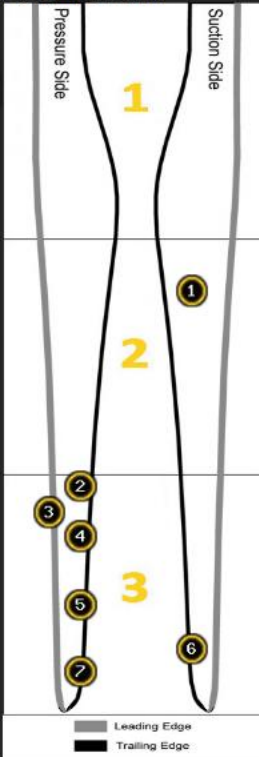


Map interface, WTG  
locations on site





Turbine: WTG 7  
Inspection Date:  
05-09-2017  
Blade SGL-0486



- LE
- TE
- PS
- SS
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Defects on blade  
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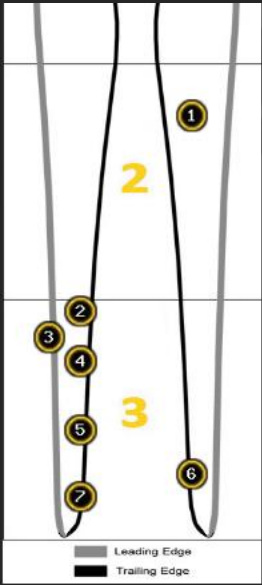
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Comment	LE heavy erosion on bond line.				

Gallery

All images sorted by Distance from Root







- SS
- LE
- TE
- PS
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- TE
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- SS



Detailed blade defect matrix

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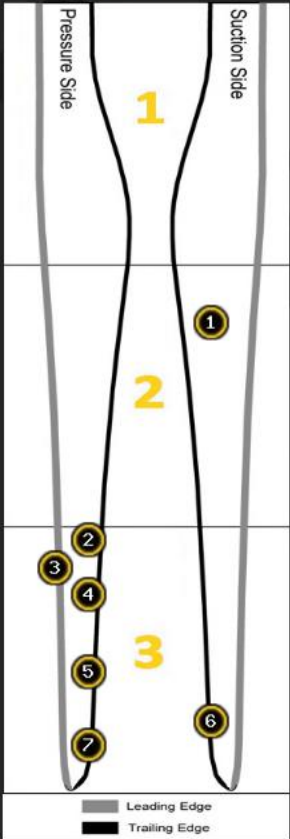
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Turbine: WTG 7  
Inspection Date:  
05-09-2017  
Blade SGL-0486



- LE
- TE
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Zoom into detail

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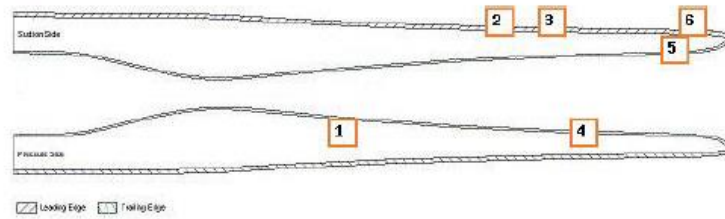
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Comment	LE heavy erosion on bond line.				

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All images from section 3, Leading Edge - Sorted by Distance from Root

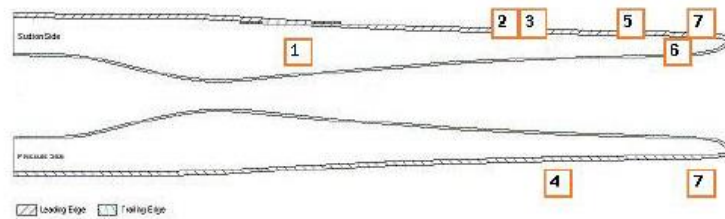


#### Findings Overview - Blade SGL-0485



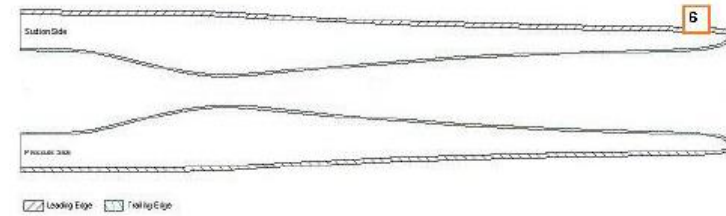
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1	TE surface contamination.	2	2	LE early stage erosion.	2
3	LE erosion.	3	4	Possible TE crack.	3
5	Impact marks.	2	6	LE erosion on bond line.	4

#### Findings Overview - Blade SGL-0486



#	Description	Cat.	#	Description	Cat.
1	Surface contamination.	2	2	LE early stage erosion.	2
3	LE minor coating damage.	2	4	Minor coating damage.	2
5	LE erosion.	3	6	Minor coating damage.	2
7	LE heavy erosion on bond line.	4			

Rotor Blade	SGL-0485	Finding no	6	Defect class	4	View	
PS		SS		LE	X	TE	
Distance from root (m)	37.6	Distance from LE	0				
Finding description	LE erosion on bond line.						





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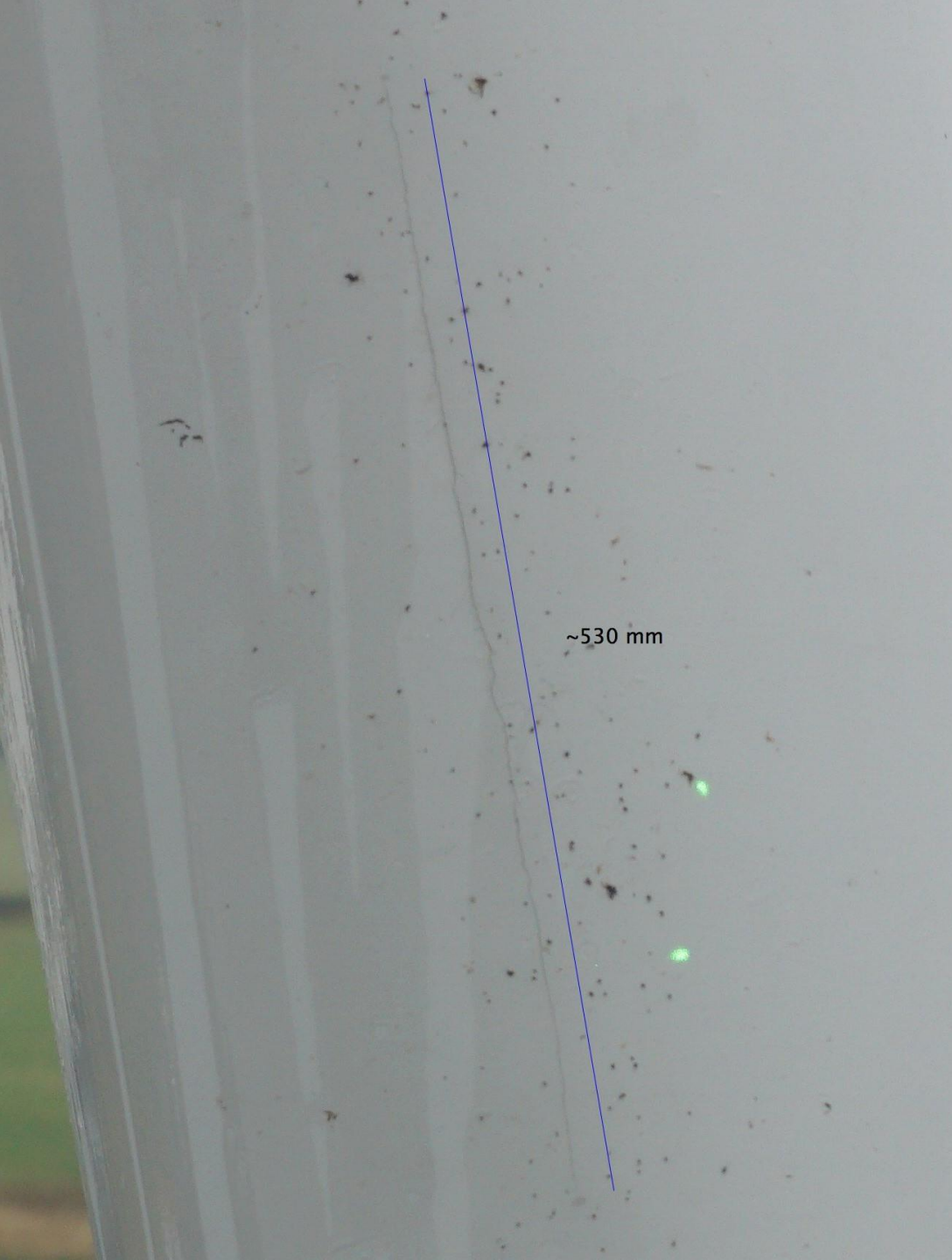


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~200 mm







~530 mm



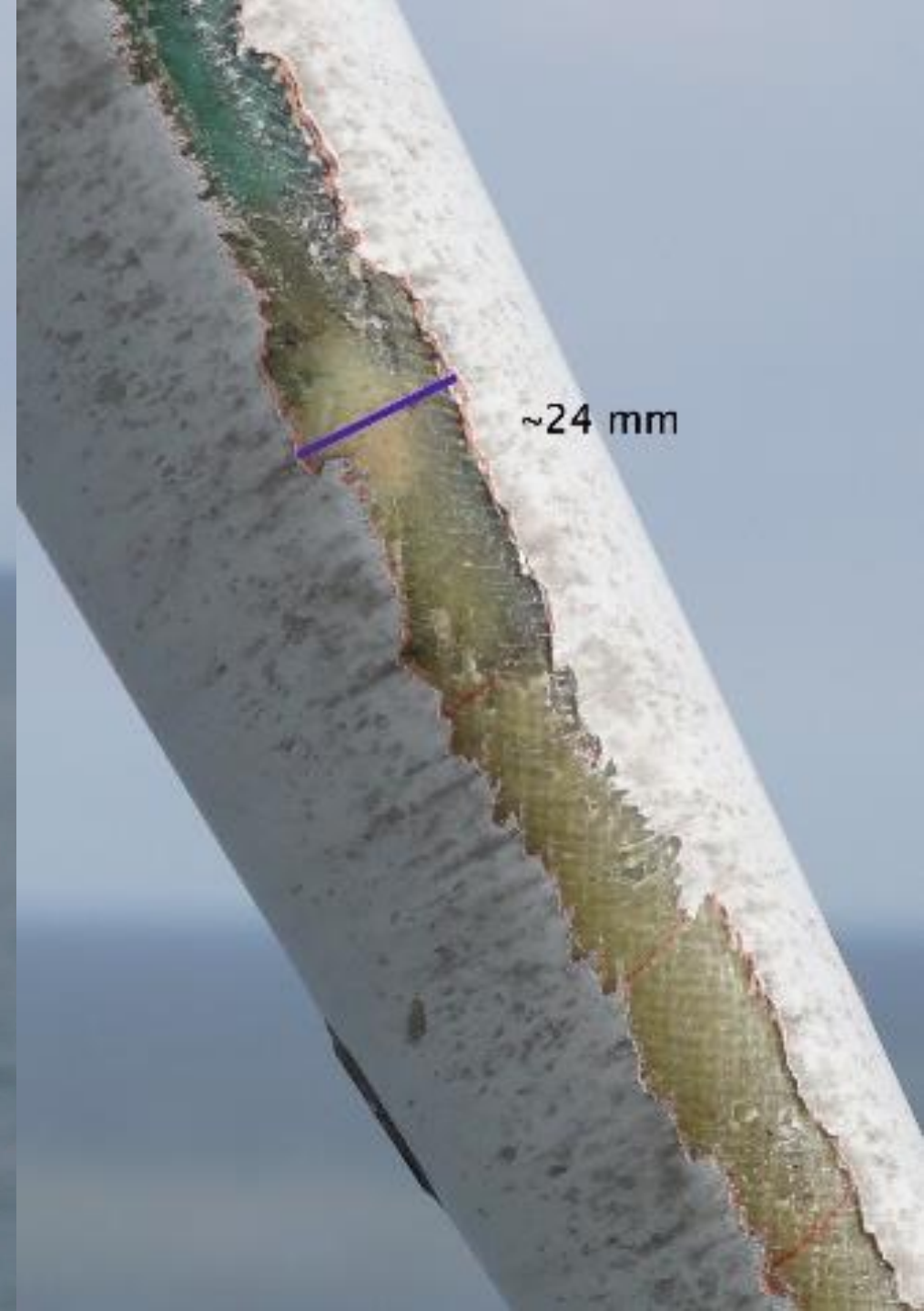
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# Offshore Inspection



# Blade Inspection



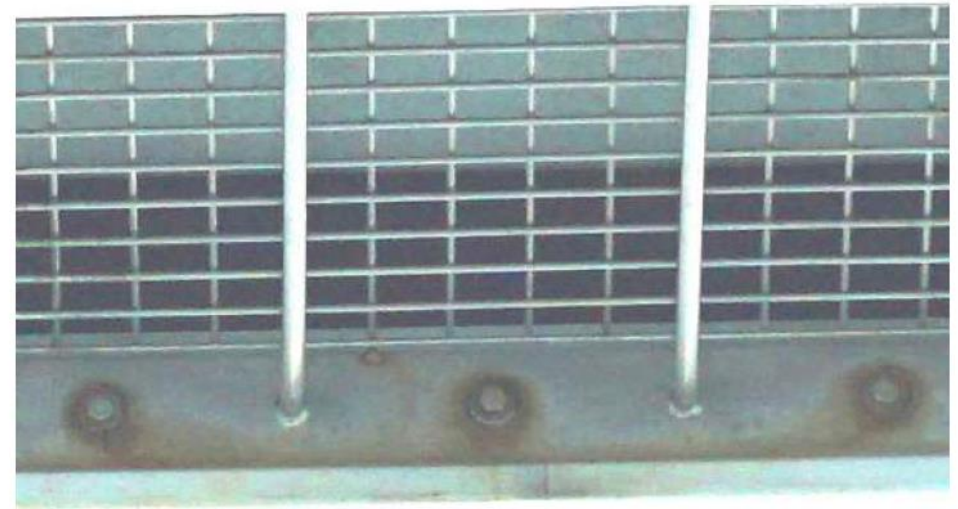


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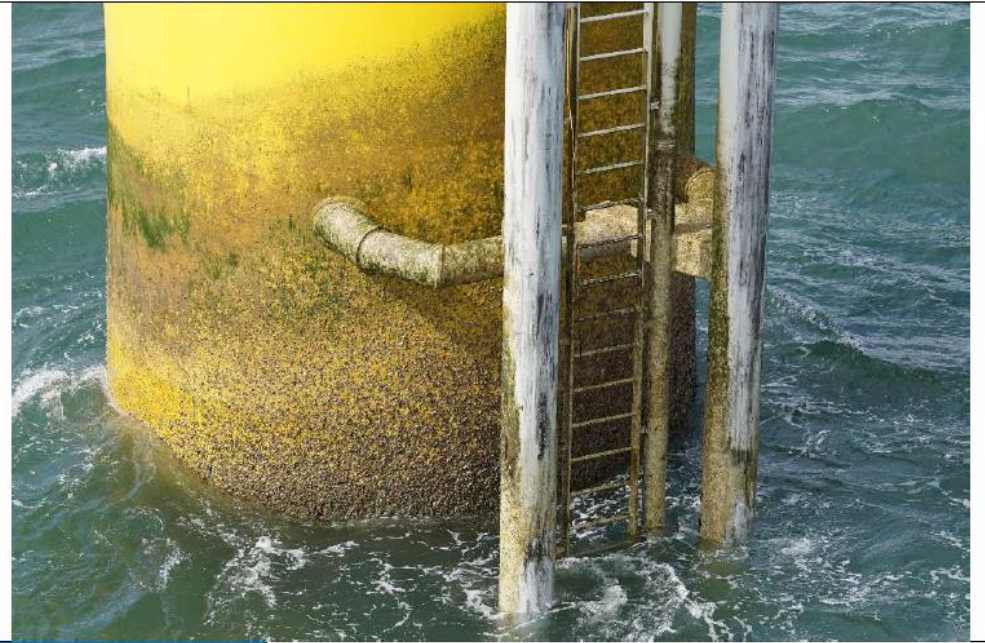
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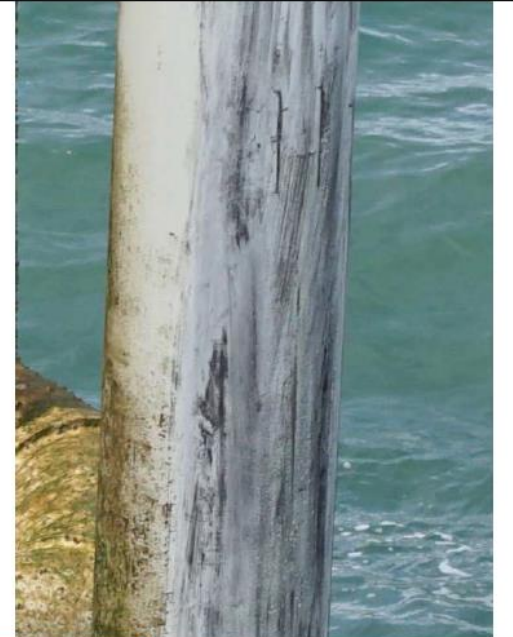
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# Offshore Substation Inspection







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**West Elevation**





**East Elevation**



External walkway and support steelwork in good condition with no signs of coating breakdown and corrosion. No signs of damage or deformation.

**Photo: DSC03520.jpg**







**Leg B2**  
**View Looking**  
**South East**



Crown plates in good condition with no obvious signs of cracks or deterioration to welded connections. All coatings in good condition throughout.

**Photo: DSC00879.jpg**







**View Looking  
North West**



Minor areas of coating breakdown at waterline however no signs of significant scaling and corrosion.

Photo: DSC00780.jpg



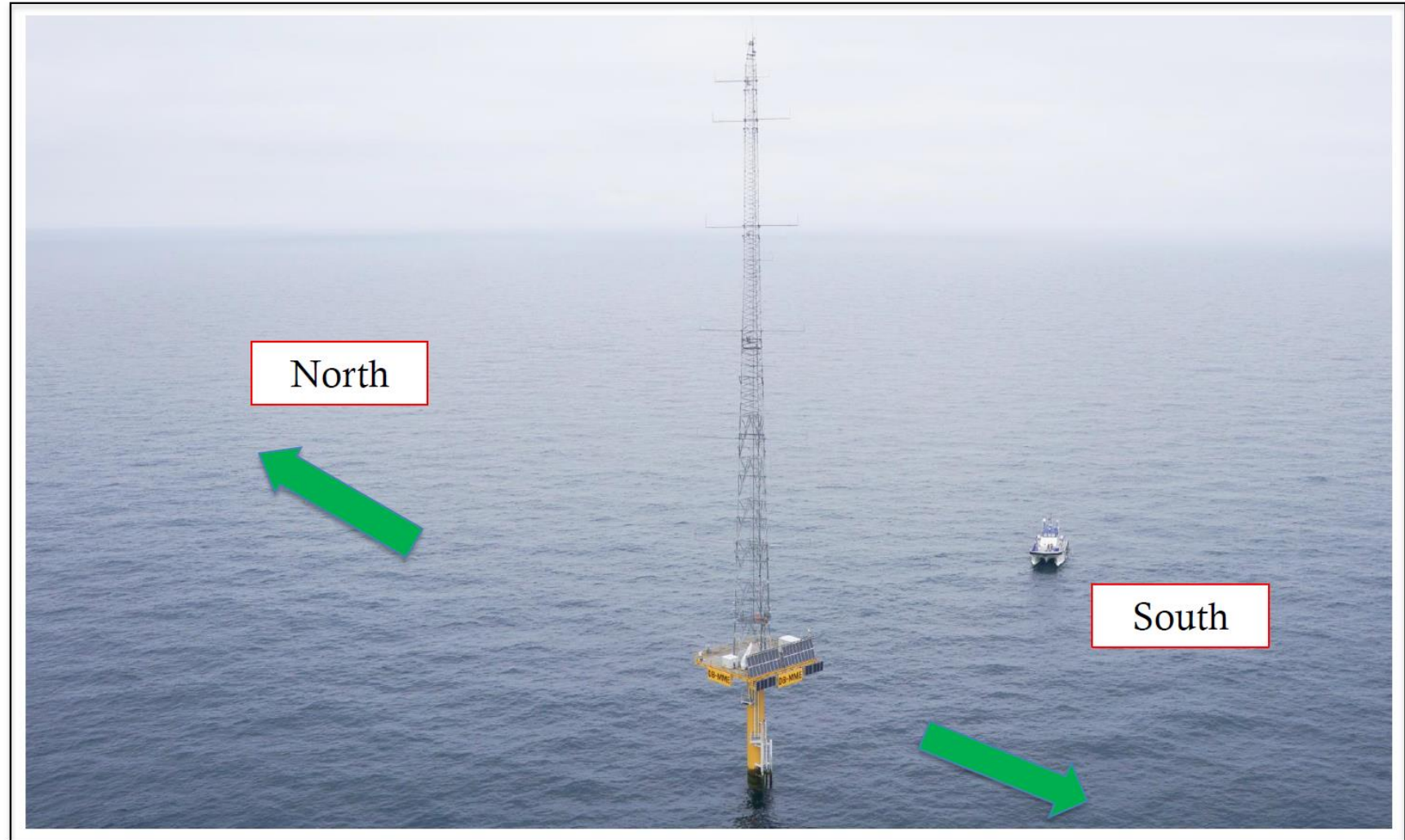
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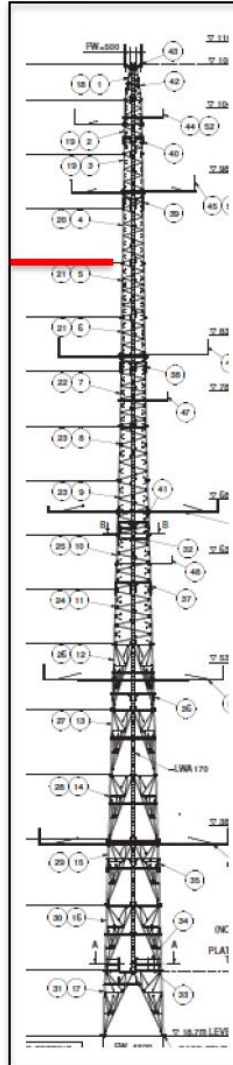
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## Metrological Mast XX MME (East)









Flange A



Flange B



Flange C



Flange A



Flange B



Flange C







## Color Coded Flange Connections - XX MME

Elevation (m)	Top																		Bottom																		
	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	
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- 1 We can see a paint mark clearly on the bolt / nut assembly and it aligns to the paint mark on the flange
- 2 The paint mark is poor but we can see alignment
- 3 Paint mark is clear but misaligned
- 4 Paint mark is poor and misaligned
- N There is a paint mark but cannot determine alignment or there is no paint mark
- M Technical miss - we can't see the connection due to Cyberhawk technical issues



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