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RCG appoints Okahara to guide Japan's offshore wind growth

Tokyo, Japan - 13 January 2022 - The Renewables Consulting Group, an ERM Group company, has appointed offshore wind energy specialist Yoshinori Okahara as a Director in the firm's Tokyo office.

The appointment will help support the firm's in-country efforts as the Japanese offshore wind market is currently a hotbed of activity with offshore wind auctions being launched and projects and alliances moving forward. For example, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry recently announced four offshore wind promising areas - and up to 10 potential areas that require further study - as part of the country's carbon neutrality plan. Japan aims to build 10 GW of installed capacity by 2030 and 30 GW to 45 GW by 2040.

Okahara will play a central role in supporting RCG's growth in Japan and internationally as well as developing new revenue opportunities for RCG within Japan and the wider Asia Pacific region. He is also expected to provide leadership with the emerging requirement for owner's engineering and other renewable project life cycle services.

He has more than 30 years' experience in civil engineering construction sector with project management, construction management, design, schedule control, risk management, and trouble-shooting roles for both international and Japan domestic projects. Before RCG, Okahara served as acting general manager at Taisei Corporation, where he oversaw the company's offshore wind program among other duties.

Commenting on the appointment, Gareth Lewis, managing director for the Asia Pacific (APAC) region, said:

"He is joining RCG at an opportune moment as Japan's offshore developers will be preparing for auctions, securing consents and designing and procuring equipment. With Okahara-san's extensive offshore experience in other sectors, he brings a wealth of relevant knowledge to the offshore wind sector." Gareth Lewis - Managing Director, APAC

RCG's continued growth means the firm can deploy experienced local teams on any renewable energy engagement, backed up by a team of international experts, to deliver high-value market

intelligence, management consulting and technical advisory services on any renewable energy assignment in the Asia-Pacific region.



Yoshinori Okahara is based in RCG's Tokyo office.

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