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## **Suzlon contributes to Illinois State University RE program Gives \$50,000 to Center for Renewable Energy**

**Pune/Chicago** - Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation, a step-down subsidiary of Suzlon Energy Limited of India, the world's fifth largest wind turbine maker, announced a contribution of USD 50,000 to the Illinois State University's Center for Renewable Energy, which is also connected to its new Renewable Energy bachelor's program. Suzlon's support as a Founding Member is part of its corporate vision to build a sustainable, educated and skilled workforce, which will contribute to the need for people knowledgeable specifically in the field of renewable energy and can power the industry's meteoric growth into the next decade.

"In Illinois and across the Midwest, Suzlon believes strongly that a four-year program like the one Illinois State University has established is essential to developing the workforce that we must have now and well into the next decade," said Andris Cukurs, CEO of Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation. "Investing in students today is like investing in better technology, smarter development and stronger wind companies for the future," he added.

The newly formed Renewable Energy Major is a four-year program that already boasts 40 students enrolled for the Fall semester, and features students tapped as Presidential Scholars, the highest award given by the University.

Suzlon joins a respected team that forms an advisory board to the Center for Renewable Energy providing expert input for future industry research and development of wind energy and other renewables. The company is also involved in the development of the Center's internship program and supports the campus' seminar program of featured industry speakers.

"Since the growth trend for U.S. wind power is undeniably explosive, it requires that Suzlon work even harder to keep pace with the demand for new and well-educated employees. Whether it is through internships or hiring recent Illinois State University graduates, Suzlon needs to invest in its own backyard to retain quality educated students here, while also offering job growth opportunities across the country," added Cukurs.

"We are excited to have Suzlon as a Founding Member of the Center," said David G. Loomis, Director of the Center for Renewable Energy. "This gift and partnership shows Suzlon's commitment to building a well-educated workforce for tomorrow's wind industry."

Suzlon is aware of strong initiatives taken up by several four-year university programs, and is taking the extra step to recognize Illinois State as one of the first in the Midwest



to design not only a comprehensive program, but also partner it with a high-quality renewable energy research center that can be used as a collaborative hub with other universities and wind energy companies.

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**About Suzlon Energy Limited**

Suzlon Energy Limited is one of the world’s leading players in wind energy. The company has come to the fore of the business by strategically focusing on R&D, innovation, an integrated value chain, and entering into emerging and high growth markets to drive sustainable growth.

Given the truly global nature of its business, Suzlon has its Group Management Center in Amsterdam, Netherlands, has corporate offices in Pune, India. The company’s global spread reflects in its projects and markets portfolio - extending across Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, and the United States.

Suzlon’s R&D effort includes a highly successful practice of leveraging skill and knowledge pools in the industry and allied areas the world over. This has resulted in a R&D network located across geographies known for their leadership in the field – Suzlon today drives turbine development from India and Germany, and aerodynamics research in the Netherlands. Suzlon matches innovation with quality, with systems certified by Det Norske Veritas (DNV) to ISO 9001:2000 standards.

Suzlon is a vertically integrated wind turbine manufacturer – with manufacturing capability along the full value chain – ranging from components to complete wind turbine systems. The company has established manufacturing facilities in India, China and the United States, to support the global spread of its operations. The company currently has a combined manufacturing base of 2,700 MW of annual capacity, and is undertaking an aggressive expansion program to expand its base to 5,700 MW of capacity in FY2008-09.

The success of the company’s strategy is seen in its growing market share, repeat orders, and breakthroughs into new markets. Suzlon ranked as the world’s fifth leading wind turbine manufacturer with over 10.5 % of global market share in 2007. The company has ranked as the leading manufacturer in the Indian market for nine consecutive years, maintaining over 50% market share.

Suzlon’s true strength is seen not only in its technology, quality and market share – but also its people. The Suzlon Group boasts one of the largest teams in the wind energy business, totaling over 13,000 people from over a dozen nationalities in operations around the world. Suzlon in its vision for future growth aims to rank among the top three wind turbine manufacturers worldwide, maximizing growth while maintaining margins to generate maximum value for all stakeholders. You can view more information on Suzlon at [www.suzlon.com](http://www.suzlon.com)

**About Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation**

Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation focuses on the North American market and is the wholly owned subsidiary of Suzlon Energy A/S, Denmark and a step-down subsidiary of Suzlon Energy Limited, India. The headquarters for North America - based in Chicago, Illinois –also feature sales and service offices located throughout the US.

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