

Spain's wind turbine part makers eye India

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THE growing momentum for harnessing power through wind sources in India has been attracting global firms to tap the opportunities. Several wind turbine parts manufacturers from Spain, a leading nation in the supply of wind turbine parts, are keen on supplying components to India and exploring manufacturing potential here.

"About 14 companies in the wind turbine parts industry from Spain are willing to source and supply components for turbine makers in India. Eyeing long term growth they are also looking at setting shops in India," D V Giri, chairman, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA), which is represented by 10 large turbine makers in India, told Financial Chronicle at the trade meet, organised by IWTMA, with a Spanish delegation. "Spain occupies



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third position in the world in wind power sector with total installed capacity of 16,750 MW. Spanish companies are very popular across the globe for their technologies and supply to leading turbine makers in US and Europe," added Giri.

The global wind energy components and systems market is dominated by Germany, Denmark and

Spain. "There is a shortage of components such as bearings and forgings globally. Spanish companies could set their shops here as India could offer them engineering skills and low cost labour advantages. One company - Danobat Group, makers of components for blades, nacelles, gearboxes and generators, has already opened its office in Pune," he

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added.

"Spanish wind turbine component makers are already supplying to some of the world's leading wind turbine makers like GE. Our component makers have automotive industry background and offer cutting edge technologies," said Javier San Miguel Armendariz, renewable energies grid integration

product manger, National Renewable Energy Centre (known as CENER), a technology centre for the promotion of renewable energy sources in Spain.

"We also have specialisation in wind forecasting technologies. Though a few other organisations also have this expertise but we offer the latest technology to forecast wind accurately, which is the long-felt need of the Indian wind energy industry," he said. He said that India can become a hub for Spain's exporting components. Giri noted that India's Centre for Wind Energy Technology, an autonomous R & D organisation for wind energy industry, and CENER could work jointly for wind forecasting in India. "This will help the industry in a big way as the industry will be in a position to provide scheduled power supply," he added.

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March 5: Wind energy equipment manufacturing firms from Spain, the world's third largest country in wind power, are exploring opportunities to supply components to the wind turbine manufacturing industry in the country.

A delegation of 13 component manufacturers from the country has come to India to explore opportunities to negotiate with Indian manufacturers for the same.

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CHENNAI: A delegation of 15 component manufacturing companies from Spain held a meeting, on Wednesday, with Indian wind turbine manufacturers association to explore the option of supplying components to the Indian wind turbine manufacturing sector.