Denmark: TotalEnergies Obtains Two CO₂ Storage Licenses in the Danish North Sea

Paris, February 6, 2023 - TotalEnergies has been awarded two licenses to explore CO₂ storage potential in the Danish North Sea. The licenses are located 250 kilometers off the west coast of Denmark and cover an area of 2,118 km².

The acreage includes the Harald gas fields, currently operated by TotalEnergies, for which the Company is already assessing CO₂ storage opportunities within the framework of the Bifrost project, as well as a saline aquifer that could increase CO₂ storage volumes and bring a competitive solution to the market.

"I am very proud that we have been granted the CCS licenses by the Danish state. These are the fruit of a lot of hard work and dedicated efforts working together with partners within academia and Industry, and truly underpin our commitment to developing climate solutions which can have a major impact on the Danish climate goals and society’s transition to net-zero," says Martin Rune Pedersen, Denmark Country Chair, TotalEnergies.

Alongside state-owned Nordsefonden (20%), TotalEnergies (80%) will be the future operator of the offshore CO₂ storage licenses. The Company will carry out evaluation and appraisal work to develop a project that could ultimately transport and permanently store more than 5 Mt CO₂/year, by repurposing existing infrastructure in the Danish North Sea and building new facilities.

"TotalEnergies is pleased to have been awarded these two CO₂ storage licenses in Denmark. With its large geological storage potential and its proximity to major industrial emitters in Central Europe, Denmark can play a leading role in carbon capture and storage on the continent," said Arnaud Le Foll, Senior Vice President New Business - Carbon Neutrality at TotalEnergies. "With the Northern Lights project under construction in Norway and projects under development in the Netherlands and the UK, the North Sea area will be the main contributor to our objective of 10 Mt/y of CO₂ storage by 2030 and to the decarbonization of the European economy."
About TotalEnergies in Denmark
TotalEnergies is Denmark’s leading oil and gas company, employing a diverse and international workforce of around 1,200 people. We are responsible for 85% of the oil and 97% of the national gas produced and are developing one of the leading carbon storage projects, which is expected to save millions of tons of CO₂ in depleted oil and gas reservoirs in the Danish North Sea. TotalEnergies’ operations date back more than half a century, representing an important contribution to Denmark’s economy, energy supply and employment. In addition to its oil and gas activities, TotalEnergies is working on establishing new business activities in offshore wind, solar energy and other renewable energy sources.

About TotalEnergies and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)
TotalEnergies’ focus is first to avoid then to reduce its emissions by developing and deploying a systematic approach, asset-by-asset, to implement the best available technologies. In particular, the Company is developing industrial projects for carbon capture, transport, and storage (CCS). Backed by core competencies in large-scale project management, gas processing and geosciences, TotalEnergies is on track to achieve its ambition of developing storage capacity of 10 million metric tons of CO₂ per year by 2030 through significant industrial projects such as Northern Lights in Norway and Aramis in the Netherlands. Through all its CCS projects, the Company will reduce its own emissions and those of its customers.

About the Bifrost project, a strong alliance uniting state, industry and academia
Bifrost project will be key for Denmark to meet its carbon neutrality goals and to provide employment alternatives to the work force currently related to oil and gas production. Bifrost project builds on the learnings from the ongoing two-year studies, carried out with the support of the Danish Energy Technology Development and Demonstration Programme. The project is headed by TotalEnergies and performed together with the DUC partners (Noreco and Nordsofonden), Ørsted and the Technical University of Denmark.
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