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Maersk Line, Limited Joins the Virginia Offshore Wind Coalition October 13, 2011

The Virginia Offshore Wind (VOW) Coalition has added Maersk Line, Limited (MLL), a Norfolk-based shipping line, to a growing list of members that are supporting VOW's efforts to develop the offshore wind industry in Virginia.

MLL last week announced its partnership with Apex Offshore Wind LLC to develop utility-scale offshore wind energy facilities; the two companies made the joint announcement on Friday Oct. 8. The partnership will meld Maersk's maritime expertise with existing groundwork Apex already has completed to develop offshore wind farms.

"The coalition continues to bring aboard members that are serious about making Virginia the nation's leader in this field," said Jeff Keever, the chairman of VOW and senior deputy executive director of the Virginia Port Authority (VPA). "Maersk has a proven track record of success in many different fields and its membership will be an asset to the organization on many levels."

MLL is a unit of Copenhagen-based A.P. Moller-Maersk Group that provides U.S.-flag transportation, ship management and maritime-technical services to government and commercial firms.

VOW is working to bring about legislative change through the Virginia General Assembly, to create incentives, structures and opportunities for the development of the offshore wind industry. The goal is to develop a substantive legislative package that creates incentives and structures to encourage development of offshore wind and attracting the global offshore wind industry to set up a manufacturing hub in Hampton Roads.

For more information on VOW go to www.vowcoalition.org