

Minister Sophie Hermans officially opens expanded factory

New monopile manufacturing plant confirms Sifs leadership in production of offshore wind foundations

On 14 May 2025 customers, dignitaries and members of the press gathered at the Sif Netherlands factory at Maasvlakte 2, Rotterdam to celebrate the official opening of the expanded factory by Minister Sophie Hermans of Climate Policy and Green Growth.

‘Here at Sifs Maasvlakte factory, we see the energy transition actually taking place’ Minister Sophie Hermans says.

The existing 40,000 m² facilities in Rotterdam are expanded by 60,000 m² and are transformed from a more traditional assembly plant to a fully integrated robotized production line for monopile foundations up to 11 meters diameter and 120 meters length. The theoretical production capacity of the expanded factory is approximately 200 monopiles per annum. The expansion entailed a budget of €328 million, a 16 month construction period and offers additional jobs to almost 200 people. The project was delivered on time and within budget.

‘Sif stands for reliability and innovation and guarantees consistently high standards when it comes to safety and quality. The opening of the expanded location in Rotterdam is an important next step that enables Sif to supply the next generation monopile foundations with diameters up to 11 meters. The proximity of the location to most European offshore wind developments and the 24/7 accessibility of the quay facilities for installation vessels serve our customers in optimizing their installation campaigns with state-of-the-art foundations’, says Fred van Beers, CEO of Sif Holding N.V.

The first projects for the expanded factory are the Empire Wind 1 and Ecowende offshore wind farms in the United States and the Netherlands respectively. Of the 54 foundations for Empire Wind 1, more than 30 monopiles and all primary steel for the transition pieces have been completed. Production of the 52 TP-less monopile foundations for Ecowende will start shortly. Planned projects are the monopiles and transition pieces for Baltyk 2&3 in Poland and the monopiles for Oranjewind in the Netherlands.

‘Key to the successful realization of the project was the integrated process approach with the design-team, the construction team and suppliers of core equipment such as welding and milling lines, rolling units, and special equipment as part of our automated production lines’, says Frank Kevenaar, COO of Sif Holding N.V. ‘It was an operation that was set-up and executed with military precision and we thank all of the participants in this project for their disciplined execution’.

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ABOUT SIF HOLDING N.V.

Sif is a total solutions provider for design engineering and excellent manufacturing of offshore foundations for wind farms, including logistics and marshalling services. Sif traditionally serves the North-Western European markets and is exploring its global presence. Sif combines two highly automated and flexible production facilities in Roermond and Rotterdam (Tweede Maasvlakte) with technology leadership in rolling and welding of heavy steel plates, which is based on 75 years of experience and innovative in-house developed techniques and processes. Sif primarily produces monopiles, transition pieces and piles that are used to anchor jacket foundations in the seabed for offshore wind turbines.