



# VolturnUS Hull

## Patented | Demonstrated | Ready

A Concrete Semi-Submersible Floating Wind Platform Produced with Proven Industrialized Concrete Construction Methods

# **DEVELOPMENT**

- \$40M Investment from the Department of Energy for technology demonstration
- \$100M Investment from Diamond Offshore Wind, a subsidiary of the Mitsubishi Corporation, and RWE Renewables
- Gulf of Maine Research Array
- Development and deployment of ten 15MW turbines in the Gulf of Maine, the nation's first floating offshore wind research array

# INNOVATION

### Concrete construction gives benefits over steel

- Industrialized pre-cast bridge construction techniques; can be made anywhere in the world using locally sourced material and labor
- Lower cost per ton; lower overall LCOE
- Higher corrosion resistance than steel; lower O&M costs and long design life
- Heavier than an equivalent steel system; low center of gravity and high center of buoyancy yield excellent wave motion resistance

### **Optimized & Simple Design**

- No complex features like active ballast systems, heave plates, or hanging masses
- Rectangular bottom beam sections are easier to construct and add more wave motion resistance than cylindrical sections

### Mobility & Ease of Deployment

• Low tow-out draft allows for deployment in shallow water harbors around the globe. VolturnUS can be disconnected and returned to port for maintenance or turbine upgrades



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Over 70

**US & international** 

patents

ABS

approved

# **VOLTURNUS TECHNOLOGY TIMELINE**

### 2011

#### 1:50 Scale Testing

- Tested 1 TLP, 1 spar, 1 semi-submersible
- Conditions mimicked Gulf of Maine conditions
- Largest public data set for floating offshore wind

### 2013-2014

#### 1:8 Scale VolturnUS Testing

- 1st grid-connected offshore wind turbine in the Americas
- Scaled 6-MW design
  50 onboard sensors
- 18-month deployment
- Over 40 extreme events, including 500-year events
- Less than 0.17g of acceleration in all cases
- Validated numerical tools

### **2015** Alfond W2 O<u>cean</u>

# Engineering Lab Opens

- \$13.8 M offshore model testing facility at UMaine with a wind machine over a wave basin capable of producing scaled wind and wave conditions that represent some of the worst storms possible on Earth.
- Allows rapid innovation of floating offshore wind technology

2024

#### **2016** DF Offshore V

#### US DOE Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration <u>Program</u>

- Top tier status from the US Department of Energy Advanced Technology Demonstration Program for offshore wind
- Pilot project Aqua Ventus I to support up to 12MW turbine
- More than \$50 Million invested

# 2017

#### VolturnUS FEED Meets ABS Requirements

- 100% FEED approval obtained from the American Bureau of Shipping
- 2020 Global Investment
- Diamond Offshore Wind, a subsidiary of the Mitsubishi Corp., and RWE Renewables, the second-largest company in offshore wind globally invest \$100m into the demonstration and will lead the construction, deployment, and operations of the turbine.
   New England Acua Vantus
- New England Aqua Ventu LLC forms.

#### New England Aqua Ventus I Launch

- Full-scale demonstration of 11MW VolturnUS to be deployed at the state-designated research site
- Expected to be the first industrial-scale floating wind installation in the US

### 2030s

#### Commercial Offshore Wind Farms

- Build on experience from Aqua Ventus I for commercial-scale projects using VolturnUS technology
- Further design improvement and testing through investment from industrial and government sponsors



Model Testing in Alfond W2 Ocean Engineering Lab



VolturnUS 1:8 scaled 500-year storm conditions, 2013



New England Aqua Ventus I Demonstration Site

# **FUTURE GROWTH**

### New England Aqua Ventus I

NEAV I is an approximately 11 MW floating offshore wind demonstration project to develop a clean, renewable energy source in the Gulf of Maine.

The VolturnUS hull and turbine are held in position by three marine mooring lines securely anchored to the seabed and connected by subsea cable to the Maine power grid. The project goals are to demonstrate the innovative design of the VolturnUS with a full-size offshore wind turbine, work with local contractors and manufacturers to generate local economic benefit, create and keep Maine jobs, and provide renewable energy now and in the future.

### State of Maine Floating Offshore Wind Research Array

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