



Successful Training for White Rock Wind Farm's Local Service Team

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Three local wind turbine service technicians based on site for Goldwind's White Rock Wind Farm have completed intensive training in China for Goldwind's wind turbine generator technology. Service technicians live locally and are members of the team who operate and maintain White Rock Wind Farm.

The White Rock Wind Farm service team consists of seven service technicians, two trades assistants, an administrator and a service manager. The team is made up of locals to the area, as well as those that have now relocated.

Simon White, local service technician based in Inverell said the training allowed all members of the team to build substantially on their existing knowledge.

'The trip had many highlights – from intensive theory and knowledge training of new technology to integrating with Chinese culture and building lasting relationships with our Chinese colleagues.

We started off at one of the Goldwind University sites for an initial training. From there we travelled to Xinjiang Province - home of Goldwind. It was amazing to learn more about Goldwind's origin in early 1980's and to feel connected to the Goldwind team that employs over 8,000 people across the world. We also visited - Debancheng wind farm, known as a museum of wind turbines – with thousands of turbines of varying sizes and types. It was truly a spectacle to see the scale of the renewable energy.' said Simon.

Chris Sippel, another Inverell based service technician said despite being kept very busy throughout the trip, any free time was spent integrating within the Chinese culture.

'One of the best parts of the trip was being able to reunite with previous Chinese colleagues that we worked with on the commissioning of White Rock Wind Farm in 2017. As expected, a lot of socialising was undertaken at our communal banquet style meals each evening. Although we were a little hesitant at first, both with our chopstick skills and also some unknown dishes – we all grew to have favourites and adjusted well to life without cutlery.' Said Chris.

Goldwind's White Rock Wind Farm commenced operations in early 2018, with many members of the local service team commencing work on the project in mid-2017.

White Rock Wind Farm has 70 Goldwind advanced turbines installed with a capacity of 175 megawatts (MW). The wind farm powers approximately 105,000 NSW homes with renewable energy each year. The project will contribute \$175,000 per year into the local community through the community fund.