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AMSC partners with China's XJ Group

DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS, USA, October 10, 2008. [American Superconductor Corporation](#) (AMSC) subsidiary AMSC Windtec will provide China's [XJ Group Corporation](#) with designs for the 2 MW WT2000df doubly fed induction wind turbine under a "multi-million-dollar" contract.

In addition to the upfront fee, AMSC also expects to provide core electrical components for the wind turbines manufactured by XJ Group, one of China's largest manufacturers of power equipment and transmission and distribution technologies for the electric utility market.

XJ Group initially expects to produce wind turbines for the Chinese market, but it also has the right to sell the WT2000df worldwide. The group plans to have its first prototype installed and commissioned by the end of 2009 and to begin shipping to customers in 2010.

"The wind power market in China and around the world continues to expand at a dramatic rate," says Li Fusheng, President of XJ Group. "In addition to utilising standard AMSC Windtec designs for the WT200df, AMSC Windtec and XJ Group will jointly adapt the turbine for specific environmental and wind conditions, such as the low average wind speeds, low air density and severe climates encountered in certain regions of China."

According to AMSC, recent reports have indicated that China may increase its wind power capacity from 6 GW at the end of 2007 to 100 GW by 2020.

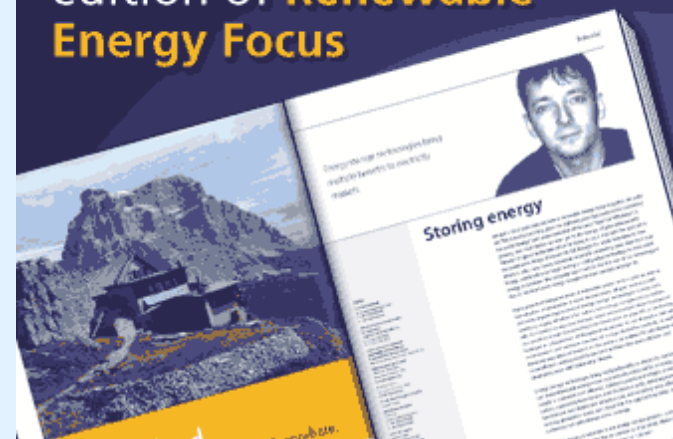
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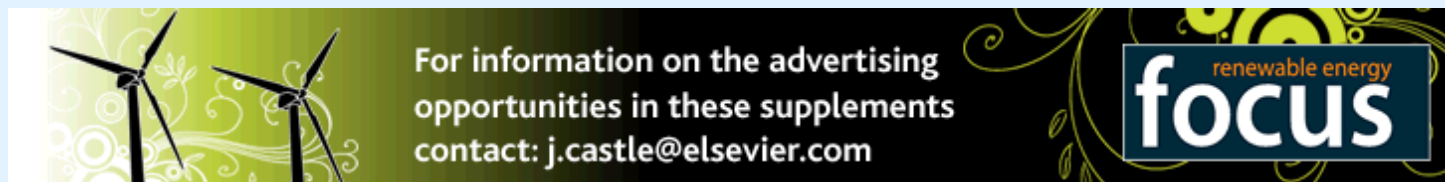
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