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FLOWRA and ClassNK to collaborate

The Floating Offshore Wind Power Technology Research Association (FLOWRA) of Japan and Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK) have signed today, 28th October 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding to explore technology development cooperation in the field of floating offshore wind. FLOWRA and ClassNK will explore the possibilities of collaboration in floating offshore wind development.

FLOWRA is a technical research association that works with overseas organisations to research and develop common basic technologies for floating offshore wind to reduce costs and risks.

ClassNK is an independent, non-profit international classification society, ensuring maritime safety and environmental protection through comprehensive inspection and certification services across a global network.

Comments by Masakatsu Terazaki, Chairperson of FLOWRA Board of Directors

ClassNK is a globally respected classification society with a long history and proven achievements. It has consistently contributed to maritime safety, the protection of human life, and the preservation of the marine environment. In recent years, it has taken on a key role in promoting a carbon-neutral society by providing impartial inspection and certification services in the renewable energy sector, including offshore wind.

Since FLOWRA was founded, we have built a strong working relationship with ClassNK through technical exchanges and expert advice on the development and standardisation of floating offshore wind technologies. Signing this formal agreement

strengthens our partnership and supports the advancement of technology and its early integration into society.

Comments by Hayato SUGA, President & CEO of ClassNK

The development of technologies, standards, and specifications that FLOWRA aims to establish as a common foundation for floating offshore wind power will play a vital role in the large-scale deployment and industrialization of floating offshore wind power in the future. We fully endorse this objective and have consistently worked with FLOWRA, and, and we are honored to formally conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FLOWRA.

ClassNK has been engaged in the field of floating offshore wind power to promote its safe implementation in society, including involvements in Wind Farm Certification, class registration, and Marine Warranty Survey for demonstration projects off the coasts of Fukushima, Goto, and Kitakyushu (cities in Japan) as well as in the formulation of standards in cooperation with the Government of Japan. Leveraging the knowledge and experience we have accumulated through these activities, we will work together with FLOWRA to contribute to technological development, standardization, and the accelerated social implementation of floating offshore wind power.

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