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KNIGHT & CARVER TO DEVELOP BLADES FOR CONTINENTAL WIND POWER BLADES TARGETED FOR CONTINENTAL'S REVOLUTION® 300-KW WIND TURBINES

NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA – Knight & Carver Wind Group will collaborate with Continental Wind Power to develop, test and build Continental's new 300-kilowatt Revolution® wind turbine blades.

The project will produce 18 meter blades for use in medium-size distributed wind farms. Generally located in larger population centers, distributed wind farms are more efficient because they generate power closer to where it is needed in greater quantity.

“We're especially excited to team with Continental because we foresee a growing market for blades and wind turbines of this size,” said Sam Brown, President/CEO of Knight & Carver Wind Group. “This is truly a team effort that will result in a highly efficient wind turbine by year-end.”

As part of the research and development process, which has already been initiated by Continental, Knight & Carver will perform extensive testing at its facility in National City, CA, including static tests, fatigue tests and life-cycle tests. Craig Robinson, Knight & Carver's Senior Composites Engineer, will serve as Project Manager.

Upon completion, each Revolution® Wind Turbine will generate about 1 million kilowatt hours of safe, clean renewable electricity. The electricity produced by only one Revolution® 300 KW Wind Turbine will be enough to supply the needs of 100 to 200 homes.

The first Revolution® Wind Turbine with blades made by Knight & Carver is expected to be ready for field testing by the fourth quarter of 2009. After completion of testing, Knight & Carver will begin high-volume production.

The wind farms built by Continental will typically consist of five to 25 wind turbines and will supply power to factory complexes, schools, cities, counties, wastewater treatment plants, water pumping facilities, small, medium and large farms, as well as developers seeking to provide clean energy for their residential and commercial projects.

“Continental's blade design incorporates advanced features found in the much larger blades used on giant-size turbines,” said Jim Winsayer, President/Founder of Continental Wind Power. “These features include an efficient airfoil, reduced weight, independent pitch control, and an advanced internal structure. Given Knight & Carver's proven experience and expertise, no manufacturer in the world is more qualified to make these blades.”

About Continental Wind Power:

Continental Wind Power builds and installs mid-sized wind turbines for large power consumers such as factories, farms, and county and city governments. Founded in 2007, Continental is based in Santa Barbara, California.
The company's president/CEO is Jim Winsayer.

About Knight & Carver Wind Group:

Knight & Carver provides wind blade repair, maintenance and fabrication services to customers throughout the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Canada. Knight & Carver operates full-service blade fabrication and repair facilities in National City, California and Howard, South Dakota.
The company's President/CEO is Sam Brown.

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