



**Project Plan Services have been providing consultancy to Vestas the leading Wind Power company....**

With a 23 per cent market share, and 35,500 wind turbines installed, Vestas is the world's leading supplier of wind power solutions. Vestas installed its first wind turbine in 1979 and has since played an active role in the fast-moving wind power industry. From being a pioneer in the industry with a staff of approximately 60 in 1987, it is today a global, market-leading group with over 15,000 people employed. Vestas is the leading producer of high technological wind power solutions.

Working within Vestas Sales and Contracting division, PPS were engaged to design a Microsoft Office Project planning infrastructure to be used by all Business Project Managers and the Project Management Office (PMO) for creating, publishing and reporting on Project Schedules in a consistent and effective manner. The key requirements for this infrastructure was to be able to:-

- Obtain a management overview of multiple projects within one tool.
- Allow Department Managers to understand which resources were overloaded on which projects.
- Ensure project schedules were working in line with Danish, Swedish, Polish and UK public holiday calendars.
- Log personal holidays within the system so that work could not be scheduled against resources on holiday or unavailable for work.
- Have clear visibility of project timelines and key milestones.

The Planning Infrastructure designed and adopted by the PMO included a standard template which included the generic milestones, standardised working time calendars for the four countries concerned, a centralised resource pool containing several hundred generic and specific resources, advice for resourcing within schedules, baselining and tracking of progress and the reporting through indicative and automatic Red, Amber and Green progress ratings. A centralised PMO master plan was then created and linked to the detailed project schedules for ease of use and reporting.

Jasmine Spencer Business Controller, Sales & Contracting for Vestas said of PPS:

*“Vestas required external expertise to suggest best practice solutions in creating an efficient and high quality MS Project planning infrastructure within an agreed timeframe. PPS were able to deliver this”.*

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