Norwegian energy groups to build new British wind farm

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A photo taken on January 18, 2013 in Stavanger, Norway, shows the entrance of the headquarters of Norwegian partially state-owned oil group Statoil

Norwegian energy companies Statoil and Statkraft said Tuesday they will build an offshore wind farm in Britain with 67 turbines that will eventually power over 400,000 homes.

The groups will invest one billion pounds (1.25 billion euros, $1.71
billion) in the Dudgeon project.

The wind turbines will be located 32 kilometres (20 miles) offshore, north of the town of Cromer in Norfolk, and will have a total capacity of 402 megawatts.

"This is in line with our commercial and stepwise approach to renewable energy development," Statoil executive vice president Eldar Saetre said in a statement.

Dudgeon is expected to power up around 410,000 homes by 2017.

The wind turbines themselves will be built by German company Siemens.

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