



I would like to thank Smulders UK for strengthening its commitment to Tyneside by investing in its new production facility at its Wallsend yard. I would also like to congratulate the yard for securing funding from the Government's Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investment Support Scheme to help complete the project.

The next step for the Government will be to ensure there is a significant element of UK content included future contracts, so that Smulders can compete on a level playing field, in all future manufacturing bids, to make the most of the investment that has been announced today. I will continue to press the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for this commitment

