

## **PRESS STATEMENT**

**Cork, Ireland 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022** - Shell and Simply Blue Group confirm that Shell will end its involvement in the Western Star and Emerald offshore wind projects in Ireland.

This is a portfolio decision for Shell, for whom offshore wind remains a key growth area and integral to the delivery of their Powering Progress strategy. The company has more than 13 GW of wind capacity in operation, under construction and in the funnel of potential projects, including a 50% stake in 5GW of floating wind projects in Scotland.

Simply Blue Group are a leading offshore wind developer with a global pipeline of 10 GW of projects and remain fully focused on delivering the exemplary Emerald and Western Star projects off the coast of Cork and Clare which will deliver a combined 2.65 GW of floating offshore wind power for Ireland.

Simply Blue Group are progressing towards a new strategic partnership, building on the momentum of both projects to deliver government targets for Phase 2 of Ireland's offshore wind development.

Both parties wish the other success with their respective ventures.

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