

# Historic worker win at Teesside wind firm



Workers at a Teesside wind firm have scored an historic victory after winning the right to union recognition.

Seah Wind now has 20 days to reach an agreement with GMB after the Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) ruled in the union's favour.

The company, which builds wind turbine monopiles in Middlesbrough, refused voluntary recognition despite more than 81 per cent of its workforce joining the bid.

Seah will now be the first business on Teesworks to be unionised.



The company, which has received millions of pounds of Government money in subsidies to boost the production of green energy, now has twenty days to agree the bargaining unit with the union.

**Andy Blunt, GMB Organiser said:**

"This is a major breakthrough for workers' rights at SEAH and should send a clear message to all employers working out of Teesworks; trade union recognition is not an optional extra.

"The green energy jobs of the future must be good, well paid, unionised jobs.

"This result brings us one step closer to making sure that public investment in new technologies delivers for the workers of today and tomorrow, as well as their communities.

"We now look forward to working with Seah management to deliver on the clear mandate from our members to make work better."

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