Since the COVID-19 outbreak was classified as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern the global offshore wind farm industry has been responding accordingly to the pandemic. Due to the different approaches and legal requirements across the countries that members operate in, the G+ decided not to issue its own COVID-19 guidance note. This paper clarifies how G+ members have and continue to react to COVID-19, as the responses from countries has varied significantly in this global pandemic.

Having worked closely with its members in this period, G+ endorses the approach being applied in the industry, and has identified 4 common strands in the practice to adapt to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of staff, operatives and the public is prioritised.

- Relevant guidance has been created by organisations such as the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA), SafetyOn and RenewableUK, the Workboat Association, Global Wind Organisation (GWO) and Oil and Gas associations such as Step Change in Safety. The G+ has signposted and discussed this guidance with member companies and the G+ members utilise this guidance when developing and updating their site-specific protocols.

- As opposed to onshore, the offshore wind industry consists of fewer projects that are of a significantly larger scale. Each offshore wind farm project therefore has created project specific risk assessments and guidance in relation to COVID-19 depending on whereabouts they are in the project lifecycle, site specific conditions and guidance from the regulators and government in the jurisdiction as to which they are operating in.

- All members have engaged with the relevant health and safety regulators in order to ensure that the method of work on each project was appropriate.

- Additionally, the G+ has been running a weekly COVID-19 call to share information and good practice between members and associates. The aim is for G+ members to share and discuss:
  - good practice from their own organisations;
  - relevant public information sources;
  - approaches from the regulators; and
  - work undertaken by other organisations.

Lessons learnt have also been shared with the wider energy industry via various channels including Toolbox, a shared learning web-based app.

Given the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic the G+ believes the offshore wind industry has responded well to COVID-19 and continues to share ways of improving working safely as we move into a “new normal”.