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### **Shermco Industries Hosts Opening Reception, Provides Presentations at 2014 AWEA Operations, Maintenance & Safety Conference**

DALLAS –To kick off the 2014 AWEA Operations, Maintenance & Reliability Seminar, held Jan. 15-16, 2014 in San Diego, Calif., Shermco Industries, an AWEA Mega Watt-sponsor, will host an opening-night reception. Networking and refreshments will be enjoyed at the conclusion of the first day's sessions, from 5 to 6 p.m., at the Hotel del Coronado.

Jim White, Training Director for Shermco, will participate in a panel discussion on the topic of qualifying electrical workers for wind farms. As this is a critical topic, it will be a joint panel for both the operations/maintenance track as well as the safety track. The panel session is at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15 and will include several experts from the industry.

Additionally, Kevin Alewine, director of Renewable Energy Services for Shermco, will present the AWEA Operations and Maintenance Working Group's update of ongoing developments as well as new opportunities and recommended practices for the industry during the opening session on Jan. 15 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Alewine will also be on a board of industry specialists who will discuss the issues and solutions for wind turbine drive trains, including main shafts, gearboxes and generators. The Drive Train Reliability discussion will be Jan. 15 from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m., and the panel will also include Bruce Neumiller of Gearbox Express, Shawn Sheng of NREL and Rick Brooks of Timken. Alewine will also present an update of his previous study that reviews the types and frequency of generator failures and offers some possible solutions for life extension opportunities for these units when they are remanufactured.

The AWEA Wind Operations, Maintenance & Reliability Seminar is an opportunity for professionals in the wind industry to share industry-proven operations and management practices and optimal processes for maintaining turbine components to enhance wind turbine performance and to maximize project profitability.

“This is an important educational and networking event, which we feel is a must-attend for those responsible for the maintenance and life-extension of wind energy systems,” said Alewine.

AWEA is a national organization that helps promote wind power growth through advocacy, communication and education. For more information about AWEA or the effort to expand clean, renewable wind energy in America, visit [www.awea.org](http://www.awea.org).

#### **ABOUT SHERMCO**

Shermco Industries is a provider of safe, reliable testing, repair, professional training, maintenance and analysis of rotating apparatus and electrical power distribution systems and related equipment for the light, medium, and heavy industrial base nationwide. Founded in 1974 in Dallas, the company is comprised of two strategic business units; the Machine Services Division and the Engineering Services

Division. With a corporate location in Irving, Texas, and service centers in Austin, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Houston, San Antonio, Sweetwater, and Tulsa, Shermco Industries has over 440 full-time employees. The company is a member in good standing with the Electrical Apparatus Service Association, American Wind Energy Association, Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League, and the InterNational Electrical Testing Association. For more information about Shermco Industries, visit [www.shermco.com](http://www.shermco.com).

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