

New tidal current turbine developed in the United Kingdom

Marine Current Turbines Ltd., the United Kingdom, has developed the world's first commercial-scale tidal current turbine with a capacity of 300 kW. The system incorporates a 15 m propeller-like rotor on to a tubular steel pile set into a socket drilled in the seabed. This is similar in principle to a "submarine windmill". The resulting electric energy is transmitted to the shore through a marine cable. *Contact: Mr. Peter Fraenkel, Marine Current Turbines Ltd., The Warren, Bramshill Road, Eversley, Hampshire RG27 0PR, the United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (118) 9324 416; Fax: +44 (118) 9730 820; E-mail: peterfraenkel@compuserve.com; Internet: <http://www.marineturbines.com>.*

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