DANISH PERSPECTIVES ON ENERGY IN DEFENSE

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“[After the oil 1973 oil embargo] Danes imposed on themselves a set of gasoline taxes, CO2 taxes and building-and-appliance efficiency standards that allowed them to grow their economy — while barely growing their energy consumption — and gave birth to a Danish clean-power industry that is one of the most competitive in the world today.”

- Thomas Friedman, August 2008
SHORT-TERM GOALS

• 40% emissions reduction by 2020
• 50% of electricity from wind in 2020
• 36% Renewables in energy system 2020
• No fossil fuels in electricity or heat production by 2035

LONG-TERM GOALS

• Independent of fossil fuels by 2050
STRATEGY WITH TWO ELEMENTS

The future energy will come from renewable sources
DANISH INDUSTRY IS LEADING IN GREEN ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy technology as % of total export for EU-15 countries, 2009.
CLIMATE AND ENERGY STRATEGY 2012-2015

New climate and Energy Strategy 2012-2015 was launched by Minister of Defense Nick Haekkerup in April 2012.

The strategy builds on six areas of focus:

- Energy optimization of buildings
- **Energy and the environment in operations**
- Renewable energy and energy conversion
- Climate-appropriate and energy-appropriate behavior
- Climate account
- Energy management (ISO 500001)
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE STRATEGY 2012-2015 WAS LAUNCHED IN JUNE 2012

This strategy also has six areas of focus:

- Environment and energy friendly procurement
- Protection of nature
- Ground water protection
- Waste management
- Noise reduction
- Environment management
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US NAVY AND THE DANISH DEFENSE

Spring 2012 Secretary Mabus and Danish Defense Minister Haekkerup met to investigate opportunities for increased US-Danish corporation.

Danish defense has identified possible areas of cooperation:

- **Biofuel** (for use in both aircraft and ships)
- **Sustainable energy**
- **Electrical- and hybrid cars**
- **Fuel cells in fighting vehicles**
- **Personal equipment for the soldier**

As well as lessons learned in the area of cultural change
US NAVY AND DANISH INDUSTRY COLLABORATION: THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NAVY AND MAERSK

- Maersk and the U.S. Navy are testing algae-based biofuel on the container ship Maersk Kalmar.

- Engineers and crew onboard are testing blends ranging from 7% to 100%. The team is also analyzing emissions data on NO\textsubscript{x} (nitrogen oxides), SO\textsubscript{x} (sulphur oxides), CO\textsubscript{2} and particulate matter from the fuel use, along with effects on power efficiency and engine wear and tear.

“The shipping industry needs to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas intensity in the coming decades. In the short term, we can gain a lot by focusing on improving fuel efficiency. In the longer term, we would like to see sustainable biofuels become a commercially available, low-carbon fuel,”

- Jacob Sterling, Maersk
THE DANISH DEFENSE AND THE ENERGY- AND DEFENSE INDUSTRY INVITES FOR CLOSER CORPORATION
MOTIVATION

"We must have a greener defence, so we can save money on energy. A Green defence is a smart defence. We need a strong defence in Denmark, therefore we can and must operate as efficiently and smart as possible”.

– Nick Haekkerup, Minister of Defence
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