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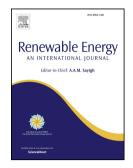
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5 ABSTRACT

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In the present study, a novel concept of incorporating a heat exchanger system in an existing 6 7 offshore wind turbine- monopile foundation and its effect on the stress-strain response of the structure is investigated. Thermo-mechanical analysis of the steel monopile with fluid carrying 8 pipes was carried out using finite element method (FEM) considering heat transfer and 9 structural analyses. The effect of offshore loading is taken into account using random wind and 10 wave loading simulated using the Kaimal and the Pierson Moskowitz spectra, respectively. The 11 combined effect of thermal as well as offshore loading on the monopile, resultant pore pressure 12 development in soil due to the loads, the axial and radial stresses and strains in the structure 13 and the shear stresses in soil were studied in detail. The strains and displacement of the 14 structure are checked against the serviceability limits for the offshore wind turbine structure 15 and it has been observed that the combination of offshore as well as thermal load on the 16 17 monopile foundation along with the duration of the load, affects the stresses and strains in the structure significantly. 18

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