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MND: LST completes the renovation of the blondin cableway for the EDF Portillon power plant in the Pyrenees

The MND Group (FR0011584549, MND), an innovative developer of mountain and urban mobility solutions, is listed on the Paris Euronext regulated market, compartment C.

MND today announces that its subsidiary LST, which specialises in the design and construction of ropeways, successfully renovated and commissioned the ropeway for equipment (blondin) and inclined plane for the EDF Portillon hydroelectric power plant in Luchon (Department of Haute Garonne) in early December 2015. At an altitude of 2,600 m, this power plant is the highest in France. The renovation work for the two ropeways for equipment took place over four years. This demanding project was carried out jointly by the ER2i Montagne teams, which are now part of LST, and Seirel Automatismes. LST specifically managed the design, structure definition and equipment stages, and monitored the construction and commissioning of the machines.

The blondin cableway, which is fitted with a lift system controlled from the departure or arrival platform, enables up to six tonnes of equipment to be carried up during every trip to the control gate at the head of the dam, and on the inclined plane located at high-altitude. The cableway is 1,480 m long, includes 13 pylons and covers a drop of 620 m.

Meanwhile, the inclined plane is 1,200 m in length and covers a drop of 720 m, including a record-breaking incline of 108%. It enables up to eight tonnes of equipment to be transported.





In the words of **Roland Didier, MND’s Deputy General Manager**, “*Our expertise in mountain ski lifts enables us to tackle new market segments and to provide cutting-edge cable transport solutions to industrial customers, such as this prestigious project for the highest dam in France, thereby broadening our core business as a mountain resort developer*”.

Technical features of the installations

	<u>Blondin</u>	<u>Inclined plane</u>
Date commissioned	1932	1930
Full renovation date	2015	2015
Total rolling weight of the vehicle	10 tonnes	12 tonnes
Maximum payload	6 tonnes	8 tonnes
Drop	620 m	720 m
Length of the line	1,480 m	1,200 m
Maximum incline	62%	108%

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About MND Group: The MND Group has been based at Sainte Hélène du Lac (Savoie), in the very heart of the French Alps, since 2004. MND is one of the few market players to have a global range of products and services dedicated to the development, equipping and protection of ski resorts, leisure areas and other mountain infrastructure. Buoyed by its industrial expertise in the mountain cable transport market and by innovative technology protected by worldwide patents, the MND Group has strong growth potential in the urban cable public transport field, where it offers an unobtrusive alternative mode of urban transport. With five manufacturing plants in Europe (France, Germany and Sweden), eight distribution subsidiaries and 30 distributors worldwide, the MND Group has 320 employees and almost 3,000 customers in 49 countries.

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