



Press release

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## **VELCAN ENERGY: SUCCESSFUL SALE OF SATYAMAHARSHI POWER PLANT**

The Velcan Energy group announces that it has sold its last biomass powered 7.5 MW Satyamaharshi Power plant situated in Andhra Pradesh, India. According to the sale agreement the exact amount of the transaction has to be kept confidential. The transaction will have a positive impact on the 2010 accounts.

Antoine Decitre, Co Managing Director of the group says “Velcan Energy is now a pure hydropower concession player, dedicated to emerging markets. Given all the projects and the prospection underway in our new markets, it is good that the company focuses on a single line of business. Our Indian biomass plants have helped us understand the Indian power market and establish our presence in the country. They were fundamental to obtain our Indian hydropower concessions. It is thanks to them that we now have our 500 MW Yarjep River concession. As of today we are still the only foreign company with such a deal in India.”

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### **Summary Information on Velcan Energy**

- Velcan Energy develops and operates hydro power concessions in emerging markets.
- The Company's strategy is to become a market leader in up to 200 MW hydro power concessions in among others India, Brazil and Laos. Conditions are favourable for this type of plants because:
  - These countries suffer from serious under capacity in electricity production, particularly India where an estimated 650 million people do not have regular access to electricity.
  - Under capacity has led to both Indian and Brazilian national governments liberalizing the state controlled electricity market and allowing increased private and foreign competition.
  - Laos has a strategic position in South-East Asia, and can export to high power-demand growing countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and China.

- These countries have huge untapped hydroelectric potential; India with an estimated 100,000 MW, Brazil with an estimated 190,000 MW and Laos with an estimated 20 000 MW.
- As of December 2010, Velcan Energy
  - Has commissioned its first hydro power plant in Brazil (15 MW)
  - Owns the rights to more than 575 MW of concessions and projects in India and Brazil (Group share).
  - Has an agreement to develop 300 MW in Laos
  - Is actively prospecting three additional emerging markets.
- Velcan Energy's technical team is composed of industry veterans and is one of the most experienced in the world in the construction and operation of hydroelectric plants.
- Velcan Energy is headquartered in Paris, and employs over 80 people, divided between its administrative offices (New Delhi, Paris, and Saõ Paulo) and concession sites.

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