



## Saft chosen as partner for storing over 1 MWh of wind power for the VENTEEA project in France

- *The VENTEEA Smart Grid demonstrator project in the Aube region of France brings together several partners, including Saft and ERDF, to test innovative equipment and management tools for distribution grids featuring wind power, in preparation for the grids of the future.*
- *Saft will install its first Intensium® Max 40 battery system in order to produce services for the grid and to increase its storage capacity for intermittent renewable energies.*

**Paris, June 4, 2013** – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of high-tech industrial batteries, has been selected to collaborate with ERDF and several other partners in the deployment of the VENTEEA project.

The project is being supported by ADEME (the French Environment and Energy Management Agency) under its 'Future Investments' smart grids programme. The objective is to test innovative equipment and management tools for electricity distribution grids in rural environments, in particular those close to renewable energy production schemes.

Saft will install its first Intensium® Max Li-ion battery to be housed in a 40-foot container. The intention is to test the various services provided by the battery, in order to improve the overall system performance for both the wind power generating company and the distribution grid operator. It is expected that using Li-ion batteries will increase the grid's storage capacity for renewable energy, contribute to stabilising the grid and drive an overall increase in energy efficiency, while reducing the environmental impact of energy production.

*"Saft is delighted to participate in this innovative project in France, which will use energy storage solutions with very high power and energy levels. We are proud to offer an innovative solution that combines over 1 MWh of storage capacity and 2 MW of power within a single system,"* stated François Bouchon, Director of Energy Storage at SAFT.

*"This project will define the conditions for deploying storage to support wind power generation in a full-scale project, where a Li-ion battery system can demonstrate great benefits,"* explained Didier Colin, Head of the VENTEEA Smart Grid Project for ERDF.

**Project partners:** ERDF, Saft, Schneider Electric, Enel Green Power France, RTE, General Electric, Made, EDF R&D, L2EP, UTT

**For more information about the VENTEEA project:**

<http://www2.ademe.fr/servlet/doc?id=82769&view=standard>



## About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also being deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication markets. Saft's 4,000 employees present in 18 countries, its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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