



THANKS TO VOLTALIA, BRAZIL ACHIEVES A HISTORIC MILESTONE EXCEEDING 10 GW OF INSTALLED WIND CAPACITY

“Brazil exceeds the threshold of 10 GW installed wind capacity. This 10 GW turning point was reached thanks to the commissioning of Voltalia’s Vila Pará II wind facility in the city of Serra do Mel (RN)” congratulated the national association of wind power in Brazil in the press release they issued yesterday.

Voltalia (Euronext Paris, code ISIN: FR0011995588), an international renewable energy company, announces the commissioning of almost half the wind turbines of the Vila Pará wind farm in Brazil, with a total 99 MW capacity. This step allows the country to cross the historic threshold of 10 GW installed wind capacity. The electricity generated will be sold on the free market at attractive prices before the beginning of the long-term sales contracts.

With 15 turbines (45 MW) already in production, the construction of the Vila Pará wind farm progresses ahead of the initial schedule which planned the full commissioning in Q4 2016. The progressive commissioning of the remaining 18 turbines is expected to happen over the coming weeks.

This advance was achieved thanks to the excellent project management at the Serra Branca cluster, an area gathering contiguous projects with a total potential of 1.2 GW developed by Voltalia. The Vila Pará wind facility (99 MW) benefits from the infrastructure built by Voltalia for its cluster as soon as 2014 for the first Areia Branca wind farm, including a 52-kilometer high voltage transmission line with a 400 MVA capacity, owned by Voltalia.

The anticipation of the Vila Pará commissioning will enable Voltalia to sell its electricity production on the free market starting as soon as in Q4 2016 (vs. 2017 year-end in the initial schedule), over one year ahead of the effective start of the long-term sales contract in January 2018. During this anticipatory period of more than 16 months, Voltalia will sell the generated electricity through private contracts, at higher sales price than the one secured in the 20-year long-term sales contract, the balance being sold on the spot market.

“We are very proud to enable Brazil to reach this historic milestone of 10 GW installed wind capacity. With almost 10 years of presence in Rio as well as in the Rio Grande do Norte and Amapa States, Voltalia is today amongst the main renewable energy players in the country. The Brazilian wind energy sector benefits from a strong and sustainable growth: thanks to the most favourable wind conditions in the world, wind energy is generally the most competitive of all other energy sources,” congratulates Sébastien Clerc, CEO of Voltalia.

Considering all energy sources, today Voltalia has a total 421 MW installed capacity across all its geographies, which will increase to 475 MW once the entire Vila Pará complex is commissioned.

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About Voltalia (www.voltalia.com)

- International player in renewable power, Voltalia is a multi-source electricity producer (wind, solar, hydro and biomass) with an installed capacity of 421 MW, and a service provided on behalf of third party clients.
- Voltalia is established in 17 countries across 4 continents and has a global response capacity for its customers.
- Voltalia is listed on the regulated market of Euronext in Paris since July 2014 (FR0011995588 – VLTA).

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