



## Press Release

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AEROWATT (the operator of wind turbine power plants) reorganizes and increases its capital and financial capacity. This operation is led by DEMETER and Capénergie (Crédit Agricole Group) joined by Vivéris already present in the capital as well as by CM CIC Capital Privé. With Centre Capital Développement, these 4 funds hold more than 85% of the capital.

The company, directed by Jérôme Billerey, and whose Supervisory Board is chaired by Marc Vergnet, gives itself the means to confirm its role on the forefront in the development of renewable energies in France.

Pioneer in the exploitation of wind turbine energy – Its first realization came to light in 1992 – Its corporate office is located in Ingres (45), and operates today 40MW. The majority of the power plants are located in the French overseas territories (the Antilles, New-Caledonia, Saint-Pierre and Miquelon), where the repurchase rate of electricity is more favorable.

AEROWATT wishes today to reinforce its presence on the mainland by positioning itself on a market with strong growth potential. Its portfolio of wind turbine projects represents today 120MW.

The capital increase aims at ensuring the implementation of the first stage of this development plan. Short-term, in order to supplement the equity, along with debt financing, an IPO exit is considered; which would allow the development of new wind turbine farms.

With 160MW in operation, AEROWATT will consolidate its position as a major player in the production of renewable energy in France.

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