



***Vanuatu: Vergnet wind turbines withstood Cyclone Pam perfectly
Vergnet is mobilising its local technical teams to help rapidly
restore electrical infrastructures***

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One week after the devastation of Cyclone Pam in the Vanuatu archipelago, Vergnet has found no damage to its wind turbines, which withstood this category 5 storm (on a scale up to 5) with gusts exceeding 320 km/h. Vergnet, which is present locally with its technical teams, has contacted the persons responsible for power production installations to offer its technical assistance in restoring electrical infrastructures.

The Vanuatu archipelago and its population of 270,000 was hit last Friday by Cyclone Pam, a category 5 storm (on a scale up to 5), with gusts exceeding 320 km/h. Little is known of the scope of destruction and resulting needs in this 80-island archipelago. Thanks to its folding towers, Vergnet confirms that all 13 of its wind turbines withstood this ferocious storm. No damage was done and service will be restored as soon as the power grid has been re-established.

The Telecoms Without Borders NGO is also endeavouring to restore the telecommunications network, which the United Nations has designated as a priority task. Against this backdrop, Vergnet has decided to lend its technical assistance through its teams of engineers present in the field.

About Vergnet SA

The Vergnet group specialises in generating renewable energy from wind, solar and hybrid sources. On the strength of its unique technologies, the group developed the Hybrid Wizard, a hybrid system that coordinates, in real time, the supply of renewable energies that can be sent to the electricity grid while ensuring the operational safety and security of insular or isolated networks. The group has installed 900 wind turbines. It operates in nearly 35 countries and has 221 employees in 11 offices. Vergnet has been listed on Alternext since 12 June 2007 (FR0004155240 – ALVER).

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