Official inauguration of the wind farm in Ethiopia

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The Ethiopian government will tomorrow officially open the Ashegoda power-generating complex, which is among the largest wind farms in sub-Saharan Africa with a capacity of 120 MW. This inauguration will be a landmark in the development of renewable energy in Africa.

With planned annual production of 400 GWh, this new complex, located in Mekele, Ethiopia, will save 300,000 tonnes of CO2 per year and provide a source of renewable electricity for nearly one million people each year.

The 84 wind turbines were erected by Vergnet SA with cooperation from the French conglomerate Alstom and with financial backing from Coface.

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2013 interim results: 31 October 2013 after market close

About Vergnet SA

The VERGNET Group is currently the leading specialist in renewable energies in challenging environments and an industry benchmark in its three core businesses: the design and production of wind turbines for the PROXWIND® and FARWIND® markets, water supply equipment in Africa and photovoltaic solar energy and hybrid plants worldwide. On the back of signal patented technologies, the Group has already installed 830 wind turbines, and supplies water to over 50 million people worldwide. The FARWIND® market covers over 130 countries in which electricity is mainly produced from oil and where the infrastructure and limited logistical resources rule out the installation of conventional wind turbines. The Group has 11 facilities worldwide (France, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Africa) and some 341 employees. The VERGNET Group has been listed on the Alternext market since 12 June 2007 (FR0004155240 – ALVER).

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