



## Voltalia wins a new biomass project in French Guiana

Voltalia (Euronext Paris, ISIN code: FR0011995588), an international renewable energy company, announces today that it has obtained a tariff for a 5.1 MW biomass plant in French Guiana.

Located near the village of Cacao in the municipality of Roura, the 5.1 MW power plant will generate electricity by burning wood from logging operations or from sawmills and will benefit from a private contract with a guaranteed price over a period of 25 years. The plant could be commissioned at the end of 2019.

### A positive project for both the environment and the French Guianese economy

The power plant project contributes directly to the achievement of French Guiana's official objectives for energy production ("*Programmation pluriannuelle de l'énergie*", PPE): the Cacao biomass plant would be one of the first two achievements towards those objectives.

In addition, this project should foster a significant growth of the local wood industry, which is a strategic issue for the French Guianese economy. The Cacao plant will be provided with a supply consisting mainly of wood waste from forestry operations managed by the National Forestry Office (ONF), but also from wood chips from neighbouring sawmills.

Voltalia will leverage the experience acquired with its existing biomass plant in Kourou to train young technicians who will operate the future Cacao plant. This new project is expected to create a total of about 40 direct and indirect jobs.



### Stronger local roots

Voltalia has strong local roots and is a true partner of the region. Today, the Group is the first private operator in French Guiana with one biomass plant, one hydroelectric plant and two solar plants with a total operating capacity of 11.6 MW. One more site will be added with the Savane des Pères solar plant (4 MW) with storage (2 MW), won at the June 2016 tender and scheduled to be commissioned by June 2019.

Voltalia's local teams in French Guiana are also working on the development of other biomass, hydro and solar projects as well as a hydro project in an isolated site, a strong expertise developed by the Group.

"French Guiana really matters to us as it is our cradle: Voltalia, now present in 15 countries, was founded in French Guiana in 2005. We have a top-notch local team there, motivated to develop new projects improving both the environment and the local economy", says Sébastien Clerc, CEO of Voltalia.

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### **About Voltalia ([www.voltalia.com](http://www.voltalia.com))**

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- *Voltalia is an international renewable energies company producing electricity from many sources (wind and solar power, hydropower and biomass, with an installed capacity of 481 MW as of 12/31/2016). It also provides services to independent customers.*
- *Voltalia is established in 15 countries on 4 continents and has a global capacity that is at the service of its clients.*
- *Voltalia has been listed on the Euronext regulated market in Paris since July 2014 (FR0011995588 – VL TSA).*

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