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EDF Energies Nouvelles commissions 52 MW in France

EDF Energies Nouvelles announces the commissioning of the “Chemin d’Ablis” wind farm. This large-scale facility with 52 MW in capacity built alongside the autoroute and acclaimed for its exemplary landscape integration will bolster EDF Energies Nouvelles’ positions in France.

The Chemin d’Ablis wind farm, which is spread across eight communes of the Eure-et-Loir department, comprises 26 wind turbines built alongside a 17km stretch of the A10 autoroute. The 2 MW turbines were supplied by German manufacturer REpower.

Being the largest wind farm in France by installed capacity, its production is equivalent to the annual power consumption of 70,000 people. Owing to the power delivered, a direct connection to the very high-voltage (225,000 volts) electricity grid was built for the first time in France.

Its presence alongside the autoroute has made Chemin d’Ablis a landmark project. The



EDF Energies Nouvelles developers decided to draw on the existing road infrastructure and to make the wind farm a feature complementary to the autoroute. This concept has since been incorporated in the departmental blueprint for wind energy projects published by the Eure-et-Loir authorities. The project, which was selected in 2005 as part of a call for tenders launched by

the French industry ministry, had already received awards for its quality and its performance.

“We are delighted to have completed this stand-out project, which illustrates that wind energy can reconcile significant power generation with concerted and successful landscape integration. This is the second major facility we have commissioned this year in France, following on from the 50 MW Villesèque wind farm in July 2008”, stated Yvon André, Chief Operating Officer of EDF Energies Nouvelles.

This new wind farm will bolster EDF Energies Nouvelles’ positions in its home country. EDF EN has developed and built 258.3 MW in capacity in France, including 163.7 MW for its own account.

About EDF Energies Nouvelles

With operations in nine European countries and in the United States, EDF Energies Nouvelles is a market leader in renewable energies. With a development focused on wind energy for several years and more recently on solar photovoltaic, now a second priority avenue of development, the Group is also present in other segments of the renewable energies market: small hydro, biomass, biofuel and biogas. In addition, the Group is expanding its presence in the distributed renewable energies sector in partnership with EDF.

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