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## LEITWIND's strategy of diversification of new platforms and new markets, expanding with an assembly site in France

LEITWIND has been manufacturing onshore Direct Drive wind turbines for almost fifteen years. Direct Drive technology is the fruit of in-house development teams and has been used by the HTI Group since the end of the 90's on their direct drive ropeway transportation solutions. Compact and modular, Direct Drive technology optimises manufacturing, transport, installation and maintenance processes, producing the best power range in their categories. Since the first prototype in 2003 LEITWIND has installed more than 300 wind turbines around the world with rotors between 70 and 101 meters in diameter and nominal powers reaching 3MW. LEITWIND displayed an average technical availability of 98.8% in 2014 for its entire fleet.

Today, Leitwind is entering new markets with more efficient turbines featuring larger rotor diameters and higher nominal power. To emphasize is the most recent development of the LTW90 1.0MW, 1.5MW, 2.0MW, a latest optimization of the LTW80 platform, with a new, longer blade to increase annual energy production from 14% to 23%, even in sites with poor wind conditions.

Following the vote for the law concerning energy transition for the growth of green power, LEITWIND enters in the French market together with its associated company POMA. Also, from 2017, POMA will be manufacturing their first multi-megawatt onshore wind turbines, assembled in France in its factories in the French Alps.

With this industrial investment, POMA is diversifying from ropeway systems into wind turbines and is integrating the manufacturing processes implemented by LEITWIND and the HTI Group, under the POMA LEITWIND brand.



POMA LEITWIND will attend the European Wind Turbine Exhibition and Conference - EWEA 2015 in Paris from 17 to 20 November.

David Saint-André, Wind Industry Manager at POMA LEITWIND, says: "POMA LEITWIND is offering to the French industry professionals, developers and operators, LEITWIND multi-megawatt onshore wind turbines, with its latest technology and excellent references. POMA provides turnkey projects with operation and maintenance contracts for wind turbines installed by their engineering and technical teams."

## High Technology Industries

Ropeways (LEITNER ropeways and POMA), snow groomers, tracked utility vehicles, vegetation management equipment (PRINOTH), snowmaking systems (DEMACLENKO), public transportation systems (MINIMETRO), material ropeway systems (AGUDIO) and wind power plants (LEITWIND) – HTI group is a successful player in all of these fields. A Group that counts over 3000 people and a turnover exceeding 700 million euros.