



Press release

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AXA Investment Managers owns 7,74% of the equity of Velcan Energy

The company AXA Investment Managers declared to Velcan Energy that it held, at the date of August 7, 2007, 440 600 shares, in consequence of acquisitions of shares.

On this date, AXA Investment Managers stated to hold a participation thus accounting for 7,74% of the capital and 6,12% of the voting rights of Velcan Energy.
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(1) On the basis of a capital composed of a total of 5 695 000 shares representing a total of 7 194 940 voting rights.

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Summary Information on Velcan Energy

- Velcan Energy is a Euronext quoted Independent Clean Power Producer which constructs and operates medium sized renewable energy power plants in India and Brazil
- The Company's strategy is to become a market leader in 50 to 100 MW renewable energy power stations in India and Brazil with a particular focus on the hydroelectric sector. Conditions are favourable for this type of plant because:

- Both countries suffer from serious under capacity in electricity production, particularly India where an estimated 650 million people do not have regular access to electricity
 - Under capacity has led to both national governments liberalizing the state controlled electricity market and allowing increased private and foreign competition
 - Both countries have huge untapped hydroelectric potential; India with an estimated 100,000 MW and Brazil with an estimated 190,000 MW
- Velcan Energy's goal is to obtain concessions for, construct and begin operation of 1 700 MW between India and Brazil
- As of July 2007, Velcan Energy
 - Has begun operation of 2 biomass power plants in India
 - Is starting in July 2007 the construction of its first hydro power plant in Brazil
 - Obtained over 359 MW of hydroelectric concessions in India and 74 MW in Brazil
 - Is undertaking negotiations and investigations to acquire concessions and plants in operation in India and Brazil. The company has currently more than 3 000 MW under evaluation.
- Over the lifetime of the concessions, approximately 5% of Velcan Energy's revenue is derived from the trade in carbon credits (CERs) generated, under the Kyoto Treaty, by the operation of renewable energy power plants, and normally sold direct to European and Japanese Industry
- Velcan Energy's technical team is composed of industry veterans and is one of the most experienced in the world in the construction and operation of hydroelectric and thermal power plants. During the course of their careers, team members have been responsible for or significantly involved in the construction of
 - the Itaipu dam in Brazil (14,000 MW, still the biggest hydro power plant in the world)
 - the Naptha Jakri dam in India (1,500 MW, still the biggest running hydro power plant of India)
 - the Porcheville thermal power plant in France (coal based 2,400 MW power plant, still the biggest solid fuel based power plant in France)
- Velcan Energy is headquartered in Paris, and employs over 150 people, divided between its six offices (Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Dubai, New Delhi, Paris, and Saõ Paulo)
- Reference shareholder of Velcan Energy is Financière Saint Merri SA, which reference shareholder is Crédit Agricole.

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