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Volitalia

Volitalia are a French independent power producer and service provider in renewable energy.

As an integrated industrial company, Volitalia deploy wind, hydro, biomass and combined storage across a global portfolio, with the engineering expertise to support development, construction, operation and maintenance throughout the project's life cycle.

Active in more than 20 countries across four continents with over 800 personnel, Volitalia offer their services worldwide. At the end of 2019, the firm had an operating and construction capacity of more than 1.2 GW and a portfolio of development projects representing a total capacity of 7.8 GW.

Active in the UK since 2011 as an EPC contractor in large-scale ground-mounted solar PV, Volitalia have built over 198MW across 23 sites. Their experienced UK development team is growing rapidly having been set up in 2018 with a healthy development portfolio of nearly 1GW.

Volitalia operate hydropower plants across the world and were recently selected by the municipalities of Chamonix-Mont Blanc and les Houches for the construction and operation of the company's first 4.5MW run-of-the-river hydropower plant, on the

Taconnaz torrent. The Taconnaz hydropower project followed a call for proposals by the Chamonix-Mont Blanc and Les Houches municipalities, which have set a target of 20% renewable energy as a proportion of the region's energy usage for 2020. Final commissioning came in 2019 after 15 months of construction work. The project now provides power for 10,400 consumers in the Chamonix and Les Houches municipalities, which together hold a 33% stake in the project.

"Small run-of-the-river hydropower has numerous advantages," says Sebastien Clerc, Volitalia CEO. "This energy comes without greenhouse gas emissions, has a long lifetime and a minimal visual impact, thanks to the absence of a dam. The Taconnaz power plant is a great success in this field for Volitalia, which also won the challenge of building a plant in a mountain area, a first for the Group. "

Building on this first success, Volitalia are continuing their development in the French small hydropower market, with two power plant projects in Savoie and Haute-Savoie, to be started by 2022.

**We're New
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The logo for Volitalia, featuring a stylized globe icon to the left of the word "volitalia" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

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