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WPO launches a €600,000 bond issue to pre-finance a new energy transition model

In a context marked by the failure of COP 25, the French company, WPO, will launch a €600,000 bond issue on 15 January 2020 (10AM CET) to pre-finance a new energy transition model based on the collection and processing of renewable energy data. The company wants to offer individuals and businesses the opportunity to accelerate the production and use of renewable energy.

An energy transition model based on data

"The real challenge in the energy transition is not whether there are alternatives to carbon-based energy: there are alternatives. The question rather is how we can generalize and accelerate the use of renewable energy. The lack of political consensus at COP 25 is a signal: the response to the climate emergency cannot only come from governments, it is also for businesses and citizens to take the lead by proposing and supporting innovative initiatives and solutions."

Barthélémy Rouer, CEO of WPO.

On 15 January 2020, 10AM CET, WPO, a French leading independent platform for the management of third-party wind and solar assets in Europe, will launch a bond issue open to all, including individuals, to pre-finance a new energy transition model. Based on the collection and processing of energy data, this new model can reduce the cost of green energy and make its production more reliable.

The digitalization of the management of wind and solar farms allows the collection in real time of large amounts of data related to the operation of these infrastructures: **electrical data** (power, intensity, frequency...), **mechanical data** (temperature, vibration, noise...), **meteorological data** (wind speed, atmospheric pressure, radiation, etc.) and others.

Intelligent processing of this data has a threefold advantage:

- 🌀 **Reduces costs** through the automation of multiple control and management functions
- 🌀 **Maximizes green energy production** through the early detection and anticipation of anomalies on facilities

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🕒 **Increases Transparency** by certifying green energy production and making this data available to the general public, institutions and professionals.

This virtuous cycle benefits both the producer who optimizes its facilities, and the general public who is now able to evaluate and verify the progress of the energy transition through reliable access to live data as it happens in real time.

A bond issue for economically and environmentally engaged investors

The bond issue carried out by WPO, amounting to €600,000, will enable the company to pre-finance the new energy model it offers. It will be carried out on Lendosphere, France's first crowdfunding platform for paid loans dedicated to the energy transition. Lendosphere thus associates and involves all stakeholders (citizens, communities, businesses) who wish to invest their savings in environmentally positive projects, and take advantage of direct economic benefits.

In particular, the WPO bond issue will deploy the most effective means to increase its data portal and enhance its value through artificial intelligence. To do this, private certificates of renewable energy production, called GoCerts certificates, will be created in real time, registered and transferred by a shared electronic registration device ("Distributed Ledger Technology").

To participate and get more information about WPO's bond raising, investors can go directly to Lendosphere's website at: www.lendosphere.com/innovation-wpo

The bond issue will be launched on January 15, 10AM CET, and will last 30 days.

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Established in 2008, WPO is a leader in independent asset management and associated specialized services for

wind and solar power in Europe. The company oversees 600 production sites in 10 European countries with a capacity of more than 5 gigawatts, i.e. 1700 wind turbines and 12 million photovoltaic modules. Today, WPO contributes to the production of electricity from renewable sources for the equivalent of about two million people, almost the population of intramural Paris. It offers technical, commercial and financial management solutions, and holds among its clients and stakeholders more than 360 companies, including investment funds, insurers, reinsurers, developers, banks, mixed economy companies and independent electricity producers.

In a world where energy management is becoming increasingly decentralized and complex, WPO's main objective is to ensure energy sustainability and create the conditions for greater trust through issuing the first energy production certificates from reliable and traceable renewable sources on the world market.

WPO is listed on the **Financial Times FT1000 2017** as one of Europe's 1000 Fastest Growing Companies.