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INTERNATIONAL HYDRO OPENS SUBSIDIARY IN FRANCE.

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International Hydro opened its French subsidiary in Strasbourg today. The purpose for establishing a French office is to be able to develop and manage a portfolio of Hydro power plants in France.

The French market is important to International Hydro as the country has many idle hydro plants which can be renovated and made useful. Herewith, International Hydro can contribute to a serious increase of sustainable energy production in Europe.

France has traditionally relied very heavily on hydro power. That is: before the era of nuclear power took off, it had many thousand small and medium sized hydro power plants (100 kW – 10 mW). During the last decades, many of these plants were neglected and many seized operation.

Nevertheless, France still has approximately 1.700 small and medium sized hydro power plants that are in operation. However as the country aspires to fully maximize its hydro power again, the potential of the many plants that are no longer in operation or that are not operating to full capacity, must be again utilized.

International Hydro will focus especially on renovating existing plants or renew older sites that are not operational any more.

The International Hydro office is situated in Strasbourg, which is in the centre of a very important European Hydro power region (Elzas, Lorraine, Ardennes (B), Schwarzwald and Allgäu (D)).

By setting up this office, International Hydro emphasizes the importance of the French market to the company.

The address of the French offices are :
3 Quai, Kléber
67000 Strasbourg
France

Hydropower in France - key figures

<i>Nb of installations</i> capacity	Total	EDF	Suez	others
P<4.5 MW	1702 1 GW	171 0.3 GW	31 0.06 GW	1500 0.6 GW
4.5<P<100 MW	340 7.8 GW	276 6.8 GW	34 1 GW	30 0.15 GW
100 MW < P	59 15.7 GW	46 12.9 GW	13 2.8 GW	0
TOTAL	2101 24.5 GW	493 20 GW	78 3.8 GW	1530 0.75 GW

About International Hydro

International Hydro is an Amsterdam based company which is built on the idea that there is *nothing greener than blue*. We build, develop and finance our own portfolio of small hydro power plants in Europe. We are a sleek and entrepreneurial company looking to develop a cleaner, more reliable and sustainable energy source.

International Hydro has offices in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Adenau, Germany and Strasbourg, France.

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