

# LUMINUS WILL CONSTRUCT THE FIRST WIND TURBINE OF HAUTS-SARTS AT NRB

**In 2021 Luminus will construct the first wind turbine of the business park Hauts-Sarts at Herstal on the site of the IT company NRB. The company Demainvest (partnership between Luminus (51%) and Sogepa (49%)), the corporate purpose of which is to assist enterprises in their energy transition, takes the credit for this project.**

## NRB focuses on sustainable development

With a maximum capacity of 2.99 MW, the wind turbine of NRB will generate 7,322 MWh each year. NRB will consume 90% of the energy generated. The remaining 10% will be injected into the grid. The wind turbine's installation will save 3,097 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

This wind turbine will be the first to be installed at the Hauts-Sarts business park, the largest in Wallonia. The permit was obtained in August 2019. The soil tests have been carried out and by the end of this year, the cables will have been laid and the infrastructural works will have started. The foundation work will be started in April 2021, and the wind turbine will be installed in June 2021. It will be of the Enercon E115 type and will have a total height of 180 metres.

*"The installation of this wind turbine is an important step in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, which have started several years ago", confirms Pascal Laffineur, Chief Executive Officer of NRB. "Six years ago we already installed 940 solar panels on the roofs of our buildings in Herstal. We cool our data centres by means of "free cooling", a technology that makes use of cool outdoor air. Furthermore, server virtualisation and the increasing use of cloud services (shared, private or public) lead to a significant decrease in the number of physical servers and therefore also in energy needs. In addition, the warm air of the data centres is used to ventilate and heat our offices. Being among the leading IT service providers of the country, we are very proud to welcome the first wind turbine of this size in Wallonia, which will cover 40% of our electricity needs. This is a major step towards a "green IT" offer."*

## Demainvest: helping companies finance their energy transition

Not only is this wind turbine the very first to be installed at the Hauts-Sarts business park, it's also the first concrete result of S.A. Demainvest, the public-private partnership (PPP) between Luminus and Sogepa (Société publique wallonne de Gestion et de Participations). The ambition of this public limited company under Belgian law, owned by Sogepa for 49% and by Luminus for 51%, is to finance the development, construction and operation of projects in the field of energy efficiency, electricity supply and energy and heat production for enterprises.

Philippe Buelen, President of S.A. Demainvest, emphasises in this respect that « *the wind turbine that will be installed in the Hauts-Sarts business park will also supply green energy to three enterprises that are part of the portfolio of SOGEPA, i.e. BRITTE-MUSTAD, ICARUS and PROXY SERVICES SPRL,*

*which account for 410 jobs and will jointly generate 13,450,751 euros of added value. In short, at a time when global warming has become a reality and enterprises not always have the financial means to invest in the energy transition, Demainvest has a variety of solutions to assist them and thus guarantee their competitiveness. Luminus provides the expertise and tools needed to realise the different projects and will be responsible for the operational activities."*

### **Luminus: the #1 in onshore wind energy with over 520 MW installed**

Occupying a leading position in the fields of onshore wind energy and hydropower, Luminus is a major player and stakeholder and contributes to the energy transition of the industrial sector by offering its customers innovating solutions as regards energy efficiency and by making major investments in renewable energy.

Luminus has been investing in wind power since 2001 and its wind farm is constantly growing. On 30 June 2020, the company has a total of 217 wind turbines, accounting for an installed wind power capacity of 521 MW. Its ambition is to increase this capacity to 850 MW by 2024. Luminus also constructs wind turbines on the car parks or in the storage areas of its customers in industrial estates. The customers practically do not lose any space and consume the 100% renewable energy generated directly on their premises.

Grégoire Dallemagne, CEO of EDF Luminus: *"This project at RNB perfectly reflects our ambition to help our customers reduce their carbon footprint. By allowing the installation of this wind turbine on their premises, NRB will be able to reduce its ecological footprint by producing the green power it needs. We are grateful to NRB for its trust in us and are proud to assist this company in its energy transition."*

#### **About Luminus**

We produce electricity and provide energy as well as energy services. We are the number one in onshore wind energy and hydropower in Belgium. We also play a central role in securing energy supplies in Belgium thanks to several natural gas power plants that enable us to respond to the variable nature of solar and wind energy. With an installed capacity of 2,090 MW in April 2019, Luminus represents about 10% of the total installed capacity in Belgium. We sell electricity, natural gas and energy services to approximately 2 million private and corporate clients, accounting for a commercial market share of about 20%. We invest in future energy challenges by offering innovative solutions to clients in the field of energy efficiency and by keeping our focus on sustainable energy development. We have almost 2,000 employees. The majority of these people are fully dedicated to the development of energy efficiency services and renewable energy. For the seventh year in a row, our company is among the 64 companies that have been elected Top Employer in Belgium. We have strong ties with local communities and boast the expertise of the EDF Group, one of the world leaders in the energy industry. More information is available on [www.luminus.be](http://www.luminus.be).



### About NRB

With a consolidated turnover of 351 million euro in 2019 and over 2,600 employees, the NRB Group is one of the major Belgian players in the European IT sector.

The mission of NRB is to provide optimal, end-to-end IT solutions and services within the framework of a close and long-term partnership with its customers from the public and private sectors with a view to simplifying the technological, economic and societal transformation.

Within this context NRB offers a large variety of IT services centred around four axes: consultancy, software, infrastructure & cloud and managed staffing.

NRB provides its services to a wide range of sectors: the public and social sector, the energy and public utility sector, the financial sector and the industrial sector. A dedicated team focuses on European and international institutions and enterprises.

The subsidiaries of the NRB Group provide sector-specific solutions, benefiting from the scale, the IT infrastructure and the other forms of support of the group. Xperthis and Infohos are specialised in IT solutions for the healthcare sector. Cevi, Logins and Civadis provide IT products and services to local public authorities. Computerland specifically focuses on medium-sized enterprises with a range of products and services related to the Microsoft suite.

More information is available at [www.nrb.be](http://www.nrb.be).

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