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## Note d'information

### Djourn Thermo-Solar Hybrid Power Plant: The General Manager of Eneo visits the site

*Djourn, 25 January 2018. On 25 January 2018, the General Manager of Eneo Cameroon visited the site of the company's first solar plant that was commissioned in mid-December by its teams in the locality of Djourn, some one hundred kilometres from Sangmélina, in the South of the country.*

Joël Nana Kontchou was accompanied by **Philippe Wind**, Board member of Eneo, **Oumarou Hamandjoda**, Deputy General Manager and some members of the company's top management, notably, **Basile Ekobena**, **Eugene Ngueha**, **Hamadou Bivoung** and **Alexandre Siewe**, respectively **Chief Operating Officer**, **Chief Operating Officer for Technical Activities**, **Generation Director** and **Marketing and Communication Director**.

In the presence of the **Sub-Divisional Officer** of the locality, **Victor Timi Melingui**, the Eneo delegation evaluated the performance of this facility. Commissioned on 14 December 2017, this **Solar Power Plant** makes **Djourn** the first thermo-solar hybrid system in **Cameroon**. This project was funded by **Eneo Cameroon**.

With a peak capacity of **186 kilowatts (KW)** and a surface area of almost **3 500 m<sup>2</sup>**, the Djourn solar farm, currently the largest in Cameroon, is equipped with **600 solar panels** and operates simultaneously with diesel units of the thermal power plant.

At the end of the visit, the **GM of Eneo Cameroon** said *"We are very happy to be in Djourn today where we are testing this new initiative. This plant is to us, a pilot project on hybrid energy generation, that is to say thermo-solar generation. This is something new and we are in a test phase where we will see how these solutions can be implemented for localities that are not connected to the network. These solutions can be deployed in several other localities in Cameroon. "Hybrid solutions allow you to modulate powers. That is, when you have power peaks at peak times you can have extra powers that come from the thermal facilities. In the same way, when you do not have enough sunshine, you can still have energy. We therefore believe that this solution generates savings in financial terms and ensures safety in power supply"* **Joël Nana Kontchou** added.

For **Victor Timi Melingui**, **Sub-Divisional Officer of Djourn**, *"the impact of this project is visible. We can estimate that the generation capacity of Eneo will certainly increase in Djourn, for the benefit of the people. This will help boost the local economy. It is a fairly consistent investment for our sub-division"*.



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The development of Djoum's solar capacities comes to supplement the installed thermal capacity (**1,115 KW**). It is part of the **Solar Programme of Eneo Cameroon** driven by a study conducted by **Actis** and updated by Eneo on seven sites (**Lagdo, Garoua, Lome, Ngaoundal, Bertoua, Yokadouma and Djoum**). In the **Grand North, 25 MWp** of solar is already being awarded to an independent producer.

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## About Eneo Cameroon

As a driving force in the electricity sector and a major growth catalyst in Cameroon, **Eneo Cameroon's** mission is to provide reliable energy and quality service, while positioning itself as a model of governance in **Africa**. Since 2014, building on the values of **integrity, cohesion, respect** and **commitment**, the company safely connected **350 000 new families and industries**.

**As at end of June 2017, unserved energy dropped by 31% compared to the same period in 2016**. With an estimated workforce of **3 700 employees** and a portfolio of **more than one million and two hundred thousand customers**, Eneo Cameroon is a public-private partnership company that generates and distributes energy in Cameroon.

For more information on the company go to: [www.eneocameroon.cm](http://www.eneocameroon.cm)

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