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## Signing of an agreement between DRONE VOLT and Hydro-Québec

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DRONE VOLT, embedded artificial intelligence expert and professional civil drone manufacturer, and Hydro-Québec, the largest energy provider in Canada and one of the largest hydropower provider in the world, signed an agreement for the manufacturing and commercialization of a drone dedicated to the inspection of high-voltage transmission lines. This drone, named LineDrone, is a first of its kind as it can accurately record data of the transmission lines, through captors elaborated by the teams at Hydro-Québec's Research Center, without interrupting the energy supply in the lines.

The main advantage of this technology is to provide strategic information enabling large transmission systems to optimize the management of their assets, particularly in terms of risk, maintenance and investment prioritization. Thanks to this solution, it is also possible to significantly reduce risks for workers while limiting traditional helicopter inspections, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Once the industrialization phase is completed, the agreement will give DRONE VOLT the opportunity to market the UAV worldwide.

Following a protocol signed at the beginning of the year, the Canadian teams of DRONE VOLT and Hydro-Québec worked hand in hand to specify all the details for the industrialization and eventual commercialization of LineDrone. The signing of the new agreement launches the process of industrializing the technology and should enable the first sales to be made as of mid 2021. The agreement also states that Hydro-Québec will acquire several copies of the UAV.

*"It's a real asset to be able to benefit from the extensive experience of Hydro-Québec's Research Centre in power line inspection robotics," says Dimitri Batsis, founding president of DRONE VOLT. "This agreement creates a zero-emission solution that is economical, profitable and safe for intervention personnel. »*

*"DRONE VOLT is a company with significant expertise in the development and manufacturing of UAVs. This experience is complementary to that of Hydro-Québec's Research Centre and will ultimately allow us to deploy our UAV technology in Québec and elsewhere in the world," said Jean Matte, Senior Director - Institut de recherche d'Hydro-Québec (IREQ), of which the Hydro-Québec Research Centre is a part.*

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**About DRONE VOLT**

Created in 2011, DRONE VOLT is an aircraft manufacturer specializing in professional civil UAVs and artificial intelligence. DRONE VOLT is established in France, Benelux, Canada, Denmark, the United States, Switzerland and Indonesia. As a global partner, DRONE VOLT offers its customers "turnkey" business solutions including various services and training in UAV piloting.

The DRONE VOLT Group, a member of the GICAT, achieved a turnover of 7.1 million euros in 2019 (unaudited data).

DRONE VOLT is notably a supplier to administrations and industrial companies such as the French Army, the French Ministry of the Armed Forces, ENGIE, Total, Bouygues Energies & Services, the ADP Group, the Gendarmerie des Transports Aériennes (GTA) and international government agencies.

DRONE VOLT is qualified as an "innovative company" by Bpifrance.

**DRONE VOLT is listed on the Euronext Growth market in Paris:**

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**About Hydro-Québec**

Hydro-Québec produces, transmits and distributes electricity. It is the largest electricity producer in Canada and one of the largest producers of hydroelectricity in the world. Its sole shareholder is the Québec government. The company mainly operates renewable energy sources, particularly large hydropower. Hydro-Québec's Research Centre conducts research and development in the field of energy, including robotics. It is part of Hydro-Québec's Research Institute, whose staff has obtained hundreds of patents and published thousands of articles since its creation in 1967.

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