



## **Boralex announces closing of French wind power portfolio acquisition totalling approximately 350 MW**

Montréal, Québec, December 23, 2015 – Boralex Inc. (“Boralex” or the “Corporation”) (TSX: BLX) announces the closing of its acquisition of a portfolio of wind power projects in Northern France totalling approximately 350 MW (the “Acquisition”).

With the Acquisition, Boralex gains access to a major pipeline of projects, of which over 150 MW may be commissioned in 2017 and 2018, coming from 79 MW of ready-to-build projects and a pipeline of 159 MW of projects at advanced stages of development.

The ready-to-build projects will require investments of approximately €150 million (C\$225 million) and an equity contribution of approximately 20% of the investment being €30 million (C\$45 million) over the next two years. Boralex expects construction of the ready-to-build projects to get underway in June 2016 with around 35 MW to be commissioned by the end of 2017 and the balance in 2018.

The ready-to-build projects will benefit from the prevailing energy purchase rate in France, as do projects in advanced stages of development. The projects’ financing phase will begin in early 2016.

This Acquisition, together with the projects currently under internal development, will grow our French portfolio of development projects to nearly 850 MW. The projects to be commissioned in the next few years will build on the 500 MW Boralex currently operates in France.

Boralex has been advised by the law firms K&L Gates LLP and Volta Avocats.

### **About Boralex**

*Boralex develops, builds and operates renewable energy power facilities in Canada, France and the United States. A leader in the Canadian market and France’s largest independent producer of onshore wind power, the Corporation is recognized for its solid experience in optimizing its asset base in four power generation types — wind, hydroelectric, thermal and solar. Boralex ensures sustained growth by leveraging the expertise and diversification developed over the past 25 years. Boralex’s shares and convertible debentures are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbols BLX and BLX.DBA, respectively. More information is available at [www.boralex.com](http://www.boralex.com) or [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

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