



ERAMET chooses SONEMA's managed SD-WAN service to optimise their VSAT network

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A key player in the global mining and metallurgy sector, French group Eramet has chosen Sonema to deploy their VSAT network in Africa in addition to installing a managed SD-WAN solution.

In order to meet the challenges involved with improving the performance of their business applications, Internet access and videoconferencing platform, Eramet has called upon Sonema to deploy a VSAT network between France and Gabon. The link connects Eramet's manganese mine in Moanda and the port of Owendo in Gabon with their datacentre which is located in Paris.

Additionally, Sonema has deployed an SD-WAN solution to optimise these connections which enables the dynamic management of hybrid networks plus an improved application performance via the orchestration of WAN optimisation and routing rules. Within the framework of this project and in order to best addresses Eramet's specific requirements, Sonema has chosen to use a solution from Silver Peak, the global leader in SD-WAN solutions.

Jean-François HUET, Information Systems Director for the Eramet group: « *Within the scope of this deployment, the challenge was to be able to optimise and manage multiple types of connection within a hybrid infrastructure which simultaneously uses VSAT, terrestrial and point-to-point wireless connections. Load sharing management, prioritising of critical applications and the scalability of the digital architecture were all key factors for the success of the project.* »

A network service provider of telecom services in Africa for over 20 years, Sonema manages over 700 sites and 100 networks for its customers on the African continent. Thanks to a One-Stop-Shop approach and a network of local partners, Sonema provides highly resilient satellite, terrestrial and hybrid network solutions in addition to security and hosting services.

Catherine DELOM, Sonema's Managing Director: « *We are extremely proud to support Eramet's development projects within the African continent. SD-WAN is a solution which is tailored to meet the new challenges faced by our customers who require ever more flexibility and scalability given the increasing complexity of their network infrastructure.* »

ABOUT SONEMA

In a digital environment which is continuously evolving, data control and exploitation are and will remain an integral part of competitiveness and distinctiveness of companies. It has become essential to set up a strategy to secure flows and protect data.

By operating and managing scalable, bespoke telecommunications solutions, Sonema supports its customers in their projects every day. With commitment in mind, and with a strong understanding of what is at stake, we want to be a proactive partner for our customers by allowing them to

concentrate on the heart of their profession and on their business innovation.

Faithful to our values of respect, transparency and responsibility, we place trust at the heart of the relation with our customers.

Sonema, also means:

- 70 colleagues who are committed to our customers, every day
- 730 customer installations in 40 countries
- 40 certified partners all over the African continent

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ABOUT ERAMET

Eramet, a global mining and metallurgical group, is a key player in the extraction and valorisation of metals (manganese, nickel, mineral sands) and the elaboration and processing of alloys with a high added value (high-speed steels, high-performance steels, superalloys, aluminium and titanium alloys).

The Group supports the energy transition by developing activities with high growth potential, including recycling and the extraction and refining of lithium.

Eramet positions itself as the privileged partner of its customers in sectors that include carbon and stainless steel, aerospace, pigments, energy, and new battery generations.

Building on its operating excellence, the quality of its investments and the expertise of its employees, the Group leverages an industrial, managerial and societal model that is virtuous and value accretive. As a contributive corporate citizen, Eramet strives for a sustainable and responsible industry.

Eramet employs around 13,000 people in more than 20 countries, with sales of c.€4 billion in 2019.

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