Press release

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Romande Energie invests in B-Valgrid

Romande Energie has acquired an 8% shareholding in B-Valgrid SA, underscoring its commitment to managing and developing power networks in the Lower Valais region (Switzerland) and forging synergetic partnerships for the benefit of customers.

The share purchasing agreement, signed on 8 January 2016, gives Romande Energie Holding SA an 8% interest in B-Valgrid SA, effective as at 1 January 2016. Consequently, Romande Energie will be entitled to one seat on B-Valgrid's Board of Directors. This director will be appointed at B-Valgrid's Annual General Meeting in the spring of 2016.

B-Valgrid SA operates the high-voltage supra-regional grid in the Lower Valais region. Since its founding in 2006, the company's policy has been that all regional electricity distributors connected to this grid should become shareholders.

This acquisition of a shareholding, announced today, marks a step in that direction. Romande Energie owns networks in the Lower Valais region through its subsidiary Bas-Valais Energie SA and also operates part of the region's high-voltage grid.

This shareholding demonstrates Romande Energie's desire to unlock operational and economic synergies with other power companies for the good of customers, who in turn benefit from lower costs and a reliable supply of electricity.

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Romande Energie at a glance

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity distributor in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies more than 300,000 end-customers directly in approximately 300 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. Its core business lines are the **generation**, **distribution** and **marketing** of power together with **energy services**.

Priorities are liaising with customers to ensure high-quality services in line with expectations; guaranteeing a reliable, sustainable and competitive supply of energy; developing proprietary power generation through priority investments in renewable energy; and promoting innovative energy-efficiency solutions.

Romande Energie's corporate social responsibility policy systematically guides its approach to business.

For more information on Romande Energie Group, visit www.romande-energie.ch