



Press release

Karin Devalte appointed Head of communications of the Romande Energie Group

The management of Romande Energie has appointed Karin Devalte as Head of internal and external communications. Mrs. Devalte will also act as spokesperson.

Morges, 29 October 2008 – Reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer of Romande Energie, Pierre-Alain Urech, Karin Devalte will be responsible for managing the various communications tools with the aim of enhancing the corporate image and reputation of Romande Energie, in support of the Group's strategic and operational objectives. In a period marked by profound changes within the Swiss electricity market, her in-depth knowledge of regional institutions and proven track record in different aspects of corporate communications will be key advantages. Karin Devalte will take up her duties on 10 November 2008.

Mrs. Devalte replaces Daniel Herrera, who has decided to take his professional career to a new direction from 1st November 2008. The Management wishes to thank him for his huge commitment and greatly appreciated his contribution to the creation and development of this important position since joining the Group in the autumn of 2005, as well as for his work within the company's Board of Directors.

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Note to the editor

Born in 1972, Karin Devalte holds a degree in communications, a master's degree in political science and a public administration management diploma. She has occupied successively the positions of parliamentary assistant in charge of public relations at the Belgian Federal Parliament and Administrative Director of a Belgian local authority. Since her arrival in Switzerland, she has worked as General Secretary of a Vaud party for nearly three years.

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