

## **Effect of the EOS-Atel merger on Romande Energie Group's financial statements**

**In a press release issued today, EOS and Atel announced the completion of their merger after the final agreements were signed on 18 December 2008. These two companies have joined together to form Alpiq, the largest energy group in Switzerland and a major player on the European stage. As a shareholder of EOS, which will own 31% of Alpiq's capital, Romande Energie Group will see its 2009 financial statements affected by this transaction.**

Morges, 19 December 2008 – The implementation in 2009 of the agreements creating Alpiq will have a significant impact on the 2009 financial statements of Romande Energie Group, which holds a 28.72% stake in EOS Holding SA.

This transaction will generate an exceptional after-tax profit of around CHF 462 million, which will be carried under "Share in equity of affiliated companies". There will be no effect on the Group's cash position. The recognition of this transaction in the Romande Energie Group accounts is the result of the fair value measurement of EOS assets. The final figure for this one-off profit will be known once the transaction goes through in 2009.

Future dividends paid by EOS Holding to its shareholders will only have an impact on Romande Energie Group's cash position, but will not affect profits.

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### **Note to editorial desks**

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