



Press Release

Paola Ghillani joins the Board of Directors of Romande Energie Holding SA

Morges, 12 May 2009 - The Vaud Cantonal Government has appointed Paola Ghillani to the Board of Directors of Romande Energie Holding SA to fill the vacancy left by the sudden death of Laurent Francfort, former Mayor of Vallorbe, at the end of 2008.

Ms. Ghillani holds a degree in pharmacy from Lausanne University. She completed her business training at the IMD in Lausanne, with a degree in International General Management for Executives and the International Program in Board Management.

After starting her career at Ciba/Novartis and spending the first part of her professional life with multinational companies, Ms. Ghillani became CEO of the Max Havelaar Foundation, a leading organization in the fair trade field, in 1999. During the same period, she was appointed as board member of FLO International (Fair Trade Labeling Organisations), where she was chairwoman from 2001 to 2005.

She is also a member of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and a director of various companies, including Migros and Helvetia Holding AG, in addition, she sits on committees of experts in ethical funds.

On 1 September 2005, Ms. Ghillani established her own company, *Paola Ghillani & Friends Ltd*, which advises on corporate strategy and management as well as promoting and implementing sustainable development and ethics in business.

Romande Energie Group fully supports this approach. In keeping with its values, which are inspired by responsibility, innovation and openness, and aware of the challenges posed by the climate and the environment, it is devoting increasing resources to green power generation projects, investing in the promotion of energy efficiency and pressing ahead with research and development in the area of renewable energies.

Romande Energie Holding extends a very warm welcome to Ms. Ghillani as its new Board member, and looks forward to benefiting from her experience and skills.

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