



Press release

Michael Wider put forward as new member of Romande Energie Holding SA Board of Directors

At the suggestion of Alpiq, the Board of Directors of Romande Energie Holding SA has put forward Michael Wider to replace Giovanni Leonardi, former CEO of Alpiq, therein. The decision will be taken at the Group's AGM in 2012.

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Michael Wider, who holds a degree in law as well as an MBA, began his career working for Entreprises Electriques Fribourgeoises (EEF). In 1997, he was appointed to the company's executive as head of finance and support services. In 2001, he oversaw the merger of EEF/ENSA (Electricité Neuchâteloise SA), which became Groupe E.

Hired by EOS (Energie Ouest Suisse) in 2003, he headed up this company's restructuring drive. From 2004 to 2007, he was COO of EOS before becoming Director of Energy Activities in 2007. In 2009, he became Director of Swiss Energy Activities at Alpiq, in connection with the merger between Atel and EOS.

At the same time, Michael Wider is chairman, or a board member, of several power companies such as Hydro Exploitation SA, Swissgrid SA, Grande Dixence SA and Repower SA.

Romande Energie Holding SA is delighted to welcome a new member to its Board of Directors and looks forward to benefiting from his experience and qualifications.

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Romande Energie at a glance

Meeting the electricity needs of almost 300,000 direct clients (representing a catchment population of more than 500,000 people) spread over 319 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva, Romande Energie Group is one of Switzerland's top five electricity distributors. Its core businesses are the production, distribution and marketing of electricity. The Group's priorities are to provide its clients with high-quality services and guarantee reliable, competitively priced electricity supplies on a long-term basis; to expand its own-power production by investing primarily in new renewable energy sources; and to promote innovative solutions in the field of energy efficiency.

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