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Romande Energie acquires wind farm in Brittany

Through subsidiary Romande Energie France, Romande Energie has purchased a seven-turbine wind farm located in Ploudalmézeau, in the French administrative department of Finistère. The annual output of this asset covers the power needs of over 6,500 homes. The transaction is indicative of the group's determination to increase proprietary generation of electricity from renewable sources.

Romande Energie is expanding its network of generation facilities with the addition of the Ploudalmézeau wind farm (Finistère) following the purchase of the Meyronnes power plant in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region in July 2013.

Both these acquisitions were the result of prospecting by the group for wind and hydro assets in France. As with the many projects underway in Switzerland, which will remain the priority, these opportunities that Romande Energie has seized in France crystallise its strategy to develop proprietary power generation with a strong focus on renewable sources of energy.

24 million kWh in renewable power

The seven-turbine wind farm is Romande Energie France's second generation facility. It has a capacity of 9.1 MW and a yearly output of 24 million kilowatthours (kWh), which corresponds to the average annual demand of over 6,500 homes.

Thanks to its high wind exposure and solid technical condition, the Ploudalmézeau wind farm, which has been in operation since November 2005, stands to provide a good supply of power and a solid economic performance for the rest of its lifetime, which totals at least 25 years. The wind farm was previously owned by DONG Energy, a leading Danish energy company. As a result of this transaction, it has now sold its only operating wind farm in France.

Romande Energie France

Through its French subsidiary, Romande Energie has an effective structure for purchasing and managing generation assets in France, a country with significant potential in this field. Romande Energie France SAS has a light corporate structure and benefits from the support of Romande Energie specialists in technical, financial and legal matters. Based on procedures underway, other generation assets may be added to Romande Energie's supply portfolio in the coming months.

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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, alongside **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