



## **Jean-Pierre Mitard has decided to leave his post as Manager of Romande Energie Commerce**

**After heading up Romande Energie Group's marketing activities for over twelve years, Jean-Pierre Mitard has decided to leave his position in order to take over the management of a Swiss SME, where he will also become a shareholder.**

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Jean-Pierre Mitard joined the Group on 1 June 2000 as Sales and Marketing Manager and Member of the Executive Board. He was put in charge of Romande Energie Commerce SA when this company was founded at the end of 2007.

Mr Mitard contributed substantially to the development and implementation of Romande Energie's marketing strategy in the run-up to deregulation of the electricity market. Through his impetus, the Group set up the Sales & Marketing business unit and optimized the management of its energy portfolio. He was also personally involved in numerous Group projects, such as the creation of *neo technologies SA* and the *Enerbois* biomass power plant (located in Rueyres, Vaud Canton). More recently, Romande Energie Commerce SA, the result of cooperation between twelve energy entities, was founded under his leadership. With around 100 employees and revenues of some CHF 300 million, this company today serves over 300,000 direct clients.

Mr Mitard has just announced his decision to resign from his current post. Aged 46, he wants to take up new challenges as CEO of a Swiss SME, where he will also become a shareholder. The enterprise concerned will issue a communiqué on this appointment in the coming weeks.

Mr Mitard will leave Romande Energie in spring 2013. Until then, he will continue to run Romande Energie Commerce and perform his duties as a Member of the Group's Executive Board.

The Boards of Directors of Romande Energie Commerce SA and Romande Energie Holding SA have taken note of Mr Mitard's decision. They would like to thank him warmly for his contribution and commitment during the past twelve years and wish him every success on his future career path.

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### Romande Energie at a glance

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity supplier in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary, Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies power directly to more than 300,000 end-clients (representing a catchment population of over 500,000 people) spread over more than 300 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. 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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