



Press release

Romande Energie to install a large solar power station on the rooftops of Migros Vaud

Migros Vaud has agreed to allow Romande Energie to set up and operate an 8,500 m² solar power station on the roofs of its Ecublens warehouses. With installed capacity of 1,100 kilowatts (kW), this facility will generate slightly more than one million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of power, which is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 300 households.

Morges, 15 September 2009 – Romande Energie, acting through its subsidiary Romande Energie Renouvelable, is investing CHF 7 million to take over a project initiated by Migros and developed by Sunseed SA (Lausanne) to install a solar power station on a portion of the roofs at the Migros Vaud complex in Ecublens. The facility, covering a surface area of 8,500 m², will be among the largest in Switzerland.

The installation of the photovoltaic panels, by Solstis SA (Lausanne), is expected to begin in the coming weeks.

Romande Energie plans to begin operating the power station at the end of December 2009.

All the electricity produced will be injected into the grid and will cover the yearly needs of more than 300 households (the average Swiss household consumes 3,600 kWh of electricity per year). This energy will benefit from the Swiss government's programme to promote green energies (through feed-in tariffs) and will contribute towards achieving the renewable energy production targets set by the government.

Migros Vaud is proud of this green energy agreement, which is in keeping with Migros Group's energy and environmental policy. Through this initiative, Migros Vaud demonstrates its conviction and its involvement in projects aimed at generating savings or developing new concepts in the areas of shipping merchandise by rail, reducing greenhouse gases, recycling and, of course, reducing annual electricity consumption.

For its part, Romande Energie is pleased to bring another important project to fruition in Vaud Canton. This investment is in line with its strategy of increasing the production of new renewable energies (solar power, wind power, biomass, and small hydro), so that they account for 10% of the electricity delivered to its customers by 2020-2025. In the area of solar power, Romande Energie plans to install no less than 40,000 m² of photovoltaic panels by 2012. It is also playing a role in optimising the potential of solar technologies by including an ambitious research and development component in half of the projects in question.

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