



Press Release

Romande Energie embarks on new wind farm project in two Swiss municipalities

Romande Energie plans to launch a wind farm project in the municipalities of Longirod and Marchissy. The aim is to build ten wind turbines that will generate around 36 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) a year, which is equivalent to the energy consumed by approximately 10,000 households. A total amount of roughly CHF 60 million will be invested in this project.

Morges, 5 March 2010 – Romande Energie is investing in a new wind farm project in the municipalities of Longirod and Marchissy. The turbines will be put into operation in 2014. They will meet the energy needs of some 10,000 households (an average of 3,600 kWh per household per year).

Romande Energie has been given the go-ahead for the project by the two municipalities and has also obtained consent from the owners of the land concerned. A wind monitoring mast will be installed this year in order to confirm the energy potential of the site. Detailed studies will then be carried out to ensure compliance with the required standards.

The site selected is one of the many that were identified by the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE) in its 2004 report "Swiss Wind Energy Concept" and by Vaud Canton in the document "Wind Potential in Vaud Canton" drawn up in 2007. These sites meet the criteria relative to national conservation areas, forests, built-up areas and residential buildings. Wind conditions are, of course, taken into account as well.

Faced with today's challenging energy environment, Romande Energie has set itself an ambitious target: 10% of the electricity delivered to its customers will be derived from new renewable energies (small hydro, wind power, biomass and solar power) by 2020-25. This objective is in line with the Swiss government's energy policy, under which some 600 million kWh per year are to be generated using wind facilities on cantonal sites by 2030. These goals are realistic if projects like the one now planned in Longirod and Marchissy are implemented within a reasonable period.

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