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Forces Motrices de l'Avançon: Romande Energie acquires shares divested by Swiss Confederation

Romande Energie Holding SA has acquired an 11% interest in Forces Motrices de l'Avançon (FMA SA) from the Swiss Confederation, represented by the Federal Office of Transport (FOT).

The FOT intends to refocus on transport concession holders whose main business is infrastructure. At the same time, Romande Energie is interested in strengthening ties with FMA SA.

Romande Energie has provided management services for the customer base of FMA SA (call centre, information, invoicing, etc.) since July 2010, and the two companies work closely together in generating and supplying electricity.

As a result of this transaction, Romande Energie's equity interest in FMA SA has risen from 28% to 39%.

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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 together with **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

Federal Office of Transport at a glance

The job of the Federal Office of Transport (FOT) is to implement and to help design Swiss policy on public transport. It is thus responsible for significant areas of the transport policy agreed by the Swiss people, parliament and Federal Council, including passenger and goods transport on the railways, cableways and chairlifts, buses and ships. At the start of 2012 the FOT employed 290 people in its five divisions.

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