



Press release

Duration of call option on the Romande Energie shares held by Alpiq extended

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The parties involved have agreed to extend the duration of the call option in regard of the Romande Energie Holding SA (REH) shares held by Alpiq, which was originally due to expire on 31 May. The new expiration date is 31 January 2014 under similar conditions.

The call option covers all the remaining REH shares that are still owned by Alpiq (28,737 shares).

In mid-December, the parties announced that Alpiq - in the context of its restructuring programme - would sell its shares in REH. The acquisition of the first tranche (71,257 REH shares at a unit price of CHF 1,100 CHF) took place on 8 January this year. On 10 May 2013, REH exercised another portion of the call option (20,000 shares of the then-remaining 48,737), following which Alpiq's stake in REH is less than 3%.

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Romande Energie Group 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-clients directly (representing a catchment population of 500,000 people) in over 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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