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## EDF and Centrica finalise their agreement allowing EDF to acquire a majority shareholding in SPE and for Centrica to invest in Nuclear energy in the UK

The EDF Group ("EDF") and Centrica plc today finalised the agreement, first announced in May 2009, under the terms of which EDF acquires Centrica's 51% stake in the Belgian electricity company SPE – Luminus and Centrica acquires 20% of Lake Acquisitions, the holding company which owns 100% of British Energy, as well as 20% of the EDF project company created especially for the construction of new nuclear energy plants in the UK.

Thanks to the acquisition of a majority interest in SPE, Belgium's second largest electricity company, EDF will be perfectly positioned to increase competition on the Belgian market within the framework of a renewed partnership with the other SPE-Luminus shareholders. SPE will benefit from EDF's know-how in fossil fuel and renewable energy generation and also from its European positioning within the areas of trading and natural gas supply.

The transaction also allows EDF to join forces with Centrica, a leading British energy company, to take part in new nuclear energy in the UK.

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The EDF Group, one of the leaders in the energy market in Europe, is an integrated energy company active in all businesses: generation, transmission, distribution, energy supply and trading. The Group is the leading electricity producer in Europe. In France, it has mainly nuclear and hydraulic production facilities where 95% of the electricity output involves no CO2 emissions. EDF's transport and distribution subsidiaries in France operate 1,274,000 km of low and medium voltage overhead and underground electricity lines and around 100,000 km of high and very high voltage networks. The Group is involved in supplying energy and services to more than 38 million customers around the world, including more than 28 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of € 64.3 billion in 2008, of which 47% in Europe excluding France. EDF is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange and is a member of the CAC 40 index.



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