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**PRESS RELEASE**

**AREVA sells its 20% stake in Sofradir**

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AREVA announced today the sale of its 20% stake in the company Sofradir.

Thalès and Safran groups, who hold 40% stakes in Sofradir, both acquire an additional 10%, bringing their stakeholdings in the company to 50% each.

Sofradir develops and manufactures infrared detectors for military, civil and space applications. The company employs 550 people, mostly at its Veurey-Voroise site near Grenoble, and achieves a turnover of around 150 million euros.

This disposal of a minority stake that is non-strategic for AREVA contributes to the group's financing plan as announced in the Strategic Action Plan "Action 2016".

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With these two major offers, AREVA's 48,000 employees are helping to supply ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.