

EDF: € 2 billion successful bond issue

EDF SA has issued yesterday a bond denominated in euros, for an amount of EUR 2 billion, with a maturity of 4 years and 2 months, the largest single-tranche Euro "Corporate" bond issued by a European issuer since the beginning of 2008.

In challenging market conditions, the issue was well received by investors.

This issue, which offers a 5.625 % coupon, attracted more than €5.5bn in orders and has been placed with French and European institutional investors. Proceeds will be used for EDF Group general financing purposes.

BNP Paribas, Calyon, Natixis and Société Générale acted as lead managers for this bond issue.

The EDF Group, one of the leaders in the energy market in Europe, is an integrated energy company active in all businesses: production, transport, distribution, energy selling 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 operate 1,246,000 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 EUR 59.6 billion in 2007, of which 44% 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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