

## EDF launches a bond issue to the general public

On 17 June, EDF will launch a bond issue in France open to any private individual. Interest on the five-year loan will be paid annually at a rate of 4.5%. The capital invested will be paid back in full at the end of that period. The bond certificates will be available directly from all bank branches until 10 July inclusive.

In the first bond issue open to the public in France for several years, EDF's aim is that the issue will help finance its domestic investment programme to meet growing demand. In 2009 alone, EDF, who will be investing 7.5 billion euros in France, mainly in developing  $CO_2$  emission-free energies, will make a major contribution towards the country's security of supply, to local development and to employment.

Pierre Gadonneix, EDF's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said: "This savings plan which is open to all, allows everyone to join in the development of EDF, the leading industrial investor in France, with the benefit of security of investment and yield."

More information can be obtained by calling EDF's special freephone number for the public - 0 800 000 708 (only from France).

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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.

