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EDF and the public shareholders of SPE-Luminus sign a new partnership agreement

EDF, currently a 51% shareholder in Belgium's second largest energy company, SPE-Luminus, has signed a new partnership agreement with the Belgian public shareholders which hold a 36.5% stake in the company and have decided to stay alongside with EDF. This agreement defines the reciprocal commitments, conditions of liquidity for minority shareholders and the means of cooperation between shareholders. It will enable to optimise SPE's performance and guarantee its medium and long term growth.

Only three shareholders decided to exercise all or part of their put option - representing 12.5% of the company's capital - as they were entitled following the buyout of Centrica's majority shareholding in SPE by EDF in November 2009. EDF will purchase the holdings of the outgoing shareholders for a price to be decided upon the conclusion of a process specified in the prevailing agreements.

Thanks to this renewed partnership, the EDF Group will be in the perfect position to contribute to expanding competition in the Belgian market side by side with SPE-Luminus's historical shareholders, with representation from the various regional components. The company will reap the benefits of EDF's know-how in nuclear and thermal generation, renewable energies, as well as its European dimension in trading and natural gas supplies. Thanks to its expertise in the field of energy efficiency, EDF will also contribute to the development of offers promoting a more efficient use of energy.

With the acquisition of a majority holding in SPE, and the strengthened anchorage in Belgium, the EDF Group is considerably beefing up its presence in Benelux, a propitious area at heart of Europe which constitutes a highly significant hub for energy exchange.

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 1,285,000 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 around 38 million customers around the world, including close to 28 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of €66.3 billion in 2009, of which 49% 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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