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## Dalkia: EDF and Veolia strengthen their industrial partnership

EDF's board of directors has been informed of the progress of discussions between EDF and Veolia regarding the strengthening of their industrial partnership within Dalkia, and has approved the principle of continuing these negotiations.

This new industrial partnership would mean broadening the scope of Dalkia's activities in fast-growing areas such as energy efficiency, and increasing EDF's share in Dalkia to 50%.

This evolution of EDF's role in the new Dalkia group will be accompanied by a simplification of the company's holding structures. Dalkia will thus be owned 50/50 on its whole perimeter and the operational governance will be assured by Veolia.

The discussions currently underway are contemplating the contribution of assets, which would help Dalkia strengthen its presence in certain fast-growing countries, whilst also drawing on EDF's expertise and skills in these geographical areas.

This industrial project would bring with it new opportunities for growth, by drawing on EDF and Veolia's expertise in areas such as energy efficiency and the decentralised production of electricity. It would also pave the way for new industrial collaborative projects in fields such as fuel purchasing, installation maintenance and engineering.

This industrial project would strengthen Dalkia's position as Europe's leading energy services supplier, by creating an exclusive platform for the two groups to develop their energy efficiency services and local energy systems.

The carrying out of the project will be submitted for approval to employee representative groups and the relevant regulatory and competition authorities, as well as the government bodies involved.

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