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## Regulated information

### Disposal of the stake in AXA

**Rueil-Malmaison (France), September 5, 2012** - Schneider Electric announced that it proceeded with the sale of the stake it holds in AXA, or 10,612,659 shares representing approximately 0.45% of AXA's share capital. The proceeds from the sale of the shares amount to approximately €120 million.

The disposal was decided following the joint announcement made with AXA on December 27, 2011 on the non-renewal of the shareholders' agreement, which terminated on May 15, 2012.

The private placement was conducted by Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank.

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