



## PRESS RELEASE

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### HGRT opens its share capital to APG

Holding des Gestionnaires de Réseau de Transport d'Electricité (“**HGRT**”) is pleased to announce the successful completion of a transaction consisting of the entry into its share capital of Austrian Power Grid (“**APG**”), the Austrian transmission system operator.

This transaction is closed by means of the transfer to APG of a 5% stake in HGRT by its current shareholders (Elia, RTE, and TenneT).

Since the integration of the businesses of APX Group and EPEX SPOT, Elia, RTE and TenneT – together through HGRT – hold a 49% equity stake in EPEX SPOT. This new transaction is an important milestone in the further integration of Austria within the Central Western European region and will enlarge the cooperation between transmission system operators and the European Power Exchange in this region. This is a crucial step forward in the creation of the European power market.

**About HGRT:** HGRT is the holding company of Central Western European transmission system operators, created in 2001, which currently holds a 49% equity stake in EPEX SPOT.

**About EPEX SPOT:** The European Power Exchange EPEX SPOT SE operates the short-term electricity markets for Germany, France, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland. Striving for the creation of a European single market for electricity, EPEX SPOT shares its expertise with partners across the continent and beyond. EPEX SPOT is a European company (Societas Europaea) in corporate structure and staff, based in Paris with offices in Amsterdam, Bern, Brussels, Leipzig, London and Vienna. More than 280 companies trade 500 TWh of electricity on EPEX SPOT and APX every year – 40% of its countries' electricity consumption. EPEX SPOT is held by EEX Group, part of Deutsche Börse, and European electricity transmission system operators. For more information: [www.epexspot.com](http://www.epexspot.com)

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