



PRESS RELEASE

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HGRT OPENS ITS SHARE CAPITAL TO SWISSGRID

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 **Swissgrid**, the Swiss transmission system operator.

This transaction is closed by means of the transfer to Swissgrid of a 5% stake in HGRT by Elia, RTE, and TenneT.

Since the integration of the businesses of APX Group and EPEX SPOT, HGRT holds a 49% equity stake in EPEX SPOT. This new transaction is an important milestone in the further integration of 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 and its affiliates APX and Belpex operate organised short-term electricity markets for Germany, France, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg; markets representing 50% of European electricity consumption. Striving for the well-functioning 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 or affiliates in Amsterdam, Bern, Brussels, Leipzig, London and Vienna. More than 280 companies trade annually over 500 TWh of electricity on EPEX SPOT and its affiliates. EPEX SPOT is held by EEX Group, part of Deutsche Börse, and HGRT, a Holding of European electricity transmission system operators. For more information, please visit www.epexspot.com

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