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Accelerating the shift to digital solutions with new special purpose entity from 1 January 2027

Romande Energie is setting up a dedicated entity to drive its adoption of digital solutions, which will mark another milestone in the implementation of its Vision 2040 strategy. It will be led by Assia Garbinato, current Head of Digital. She will be tasked with expediting the development of strategic digital solutions for the Group, with the ultimate aim of offering these solutions to other industry stakeholders. Fabrice Granzotto will join Romande Energie as Head of Digital to lead the ongoing digital renewal of the Group's business units and adoption of cutting-edge technology.

The energy transition is radically reshaping the Swiss grid and energy-related businesses. The rising data, volumes, the increasingly decentralised generation framework and the ever more complex energy flows that result from these trends all need to be managed.

In response, Romande Energie has set itself ambitious targets for 2040, namely managing a 5 TWh generation portfolio; expanding its production of low-carbon heat and cooled air; and creating a digital twin to enhance day-to-day management of grid, infrastructure and operations.

To achieve those goals, the Group is placing a specialist team within a dedicated entity that will have the requisite degree of independence and agility to fast-track strategic digital solutions and, ultimately, market some of these to other energy industry partners.

Faster innovation and new services

The new entity's core mission will be developing the digital solutions needed to prime Romande Energie's activities for the future and convert in-house expertise into new services.

The aim is twofold: speeding up Romande Energie's own digital transformation and, at a later stage, developing solutions that could be marketed to other industry players facing similar challenges in upgrading their energy assets.

The new entity will be led by Assia Garbinato, currently Head of Digital. She has overseen the Group's digital overhaul to date and will contribute her experience to guiding the development of this new business, including the related strategic and commercial objectives.

Joining Assia will be Oscar Prado, who will provide support in his new role as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Currently, he oversees Group-wide cybersecurity and recently managed the SAP migration. Previous to that, he led infrastructure and cloud services at the Group. Oscar looks forward to contributing his technological expertise in designing and scaling up solutions.

The new entity will be a Group subsidiary.

"Digital solutions are becoming a vital part of the energy transition," says François Fellay, CEO. "By giving an assigned team the necessary freedom of action to focus on game-changing projects, we're speeding up our metamorphosis. We also hope that our solutions will in due course also benefit other industry stakeholders."

Digital technology at the core of each business unit

Setting up and hiving off this new entity does not mean that Romande Energie will soon be bereft of digital expertise. While the new unit will devote its resources primarily to the development of strategic digital solutions for Romande Energie and, in the longer term, other industry stakeholders, the streamlined Digital support unit will continue to manage the digital renewal of the Group's business units as well as the adoption of cutting-edge technology and the delivery of IT services underpinning the Group's day-to-day operations.

Fabrice Granzotto will join Romande Energie on 1 February 2027 to head up this support unit and will also sit on the Executive Board. Oscar's current position will be advertised in the coming weeks.

Along with his team, Fabrice will assist each business unit in reconfiguring itself digitally, continue upgrading technology and equip Romande Energie with the resources needed to improve efficiency and results. Concurrently, the new dedicated entity will be free to focus on mission-critical digital developments under the Vision 2040 umbrella.

Digital powering the energy transition

Through this new entity, Romande Energie wants to have the technology in place to achieve its Vision 2040 and increase its ability to predict and adapt to future rapid shifts in the energy industry.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board would like to wish Assia and Oscar every success in their new roles and look forward to continuing to work in close proximity. They would also like to welcome Fabrice, whose experience will help advance the business units' transformation and modernise the Group.

These changes share a common goal: to harness digital technology as a catalyst for the energy transition and make Western Switzerland the country's first net-zero region.

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Romande Energie at a glance

The Romande Energie Group supplies 270,000 customers in Western Switzerland with electricity, making it the region's premier provider. Other activities include the generation and distribution of power across the region, as well as energy-related services and energy-efficiency retrofits. The Group, which has its headquarters in Morges, has more than 1,500 employees and is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange as Romande Energie Holding SA. In 2025, adjusted revenue was CHF 788 million.

Romande Energie's history stretches back more than 130 years. Its grid consists of around 11,000 kilometres of power lines in Vaud and the Lower Valais region. Its 300 generation locations rely exclusively on renewable energy. The Group provides information and advice to households, businesses and local authorities in planning and carrying out projects – from generating power and producing heat and cooled air (via 45 district heating plants) to improving energy efficiency and renovating buildings.

With Vision 2040, Romande Energie seeks to become a reference in sustainability-driven energy services – through the development of renewable energy, reliable and high-performance infrastructure, and solutions tailored to customers' ever-evolving needs. Supporting the people of Western Switzerland as they embrace a sustainable future is its core purpose, with the ultimate aim of making Western Switzerland the first net-zero region in the country.

For more information on the Romande Energie Group, visit www.romande-energie.ch