



Press Release

SIG investing heavily in wind power

This Thursday, 2 July 2009, SIG will unveil its project in partnership with REInvest SA, which is aimed at developing several wind farms located on the Swiss Jura Arc. With a potential of some seventy wind installations for an electric energy output of approximately 240 GWh, SIG will become a leader in the development of wind farms in Switzerland. Concerned with fulfilling the requirements set by federal and cantonal energy policies, the partnership concluded by SIG falls under its strategy of investing heavily in the field of new renewable energies.

To realise the wind farms in Tramelan, Schwängimatt, Moutier, Grandsonnaz, Boveresse, Romont and Ronde Noire, SIG is joining forces with REInvest SA, a limited company based in Ticino, which has been involved with the development of new renewable energy production sites since 2004.

Between now and 2015, SIG and its partner will together invest 300 million Swiss francs to build seven wind farms accommodating some seventy turbines with a potential output of 240 GWh, or the equivalent of the consumption of 70,000 households.

By putting development projects into production and realising photovoltaic, wind, hydraulic, geothermic and biomass installations, SIG is giving concrete expression to its investment strategy for new renewable energies which was announced last May.

Currently, with 25% self-production, the canton of Geneva depends heavily on external sources for its electric energy supply and is thus prone to market price fluctuations. By investing in the wind farms included in the partnership with REInvest SA, SIG aims to increase its own electric energy production, possibly to over 30%.

This partnership enables SIG to become a leader in the development of wind sites in Switzerland and must be seen as a big step in the implementation of its strategy regarding sustainable development.

SIG is delighted by this new partnership, which reinforces its commitment to the development of new renewable energies.

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