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Press Release: Founding of “Parco Eolico del San Gottardo SA”

Today, January 30th 2009, in conformance to the agreements the company “Parco Eolico del San Gottardo SA” was founded with headquarters in Airolo at the Patriziato, with the objective to manage the realisation of the homonymous wind park, a company with the participation of REInvest with 80% and AET with 20%. The choice of the capital of Leventina confirms the willingness to create an important economic return for the region, in the development as well as the operation phases.

It is reminded that the project of the San Gottardo Wind Park, based on wind measurements updated in 2008, is predicted to have a minimum production of 32GWh, guaranteeing this way the needs of 35,000 inhabitants. Strong winds recorded in the wind data have led to the elimination of one of the eight wind turbines, precisely the one towards Sella lake close to the mountain. And this because the crossing wind currents and the positioning of the turbine close to the mountain, could create important problems to the turbine. The San Gottardo wind park will have a total installed power of 14 MW.

Technically the project is proceeding to the phase of definition of its attributes, with all the aspects already analysed and approved by the engineering department of REInvest: roads, connection to the grid, transport to the Pass of the parts of the turbines, the selection of the transformer etc.

Regarding the authorisation process, the modification of the zoning plan is in the final stages with Habitat SA, a consultant of the municipality.

The zoning plan of Airolo will be slightly modified so as to take in consideration the observations formulated during 2008 of the Cantonal authorities (Department of Territory) assuring this way the necessary concordance for the realisation of the wind park in sight of the development strategies for renewable energy.

The municipality of Airolo intends to take the modifications of the zoning plan to the Municipal Council in April along with the financial data which will be the second important step towards the realisation of the project.

It is reminded that the management of the plant, once realised, will be executed by the “Agenzia Elettrica Comunale” (Municipal Electricity Company) of Airolo, while its direct participation in the company’s capital is not to be excluded.

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