
EDF signs an agreement with Macquarie for the sale of its 25% stake in Energie Steiermark AG (ESTAG)

EDF and Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets have signed an agreement for the sale of the 25% stake of EDF International SAS in Energie Steiermark AG (ESTAG) to Macquarie European Infrastructure Fund IV (MEIF4), a specialist infrastructure fund focused on long-term investments.

ESTAG is the fourth largest energy distribution company in Austria. Based in the Land of Styria, ESTAG operates in the distribution and sale of electricity, gas and heat as well as in energy related services.

The transaction is subject to the relevant antitrust and Austrian Foreign Investment Control clearance. Closing of the transaction, expected during second semester of 2015, also requires approval by the Land of Styria, ESTAG's controlling shareholder, as well as the signing of a new shareholders' agreement between Macquarie and the Land of Styria.

The EDF Group is an integrated energy company active in all areas of the business: generation, transmission, distribution, energy supply and trading, energy services. A global leader in low-carbon energies, the Group has developed a diversified generation mix based on nuclear energy, hydropower, new renewables and thermal energy. In France the Group supplies electricity that is 98% CO₂-free. Its electricity transmission and distribution subsidiaries operate 1.3 million kilometres of medium and low voltage overhead and underground electricity lines and around 100,000 km of high and very high voltage networks. The Group is involved in supplying energy and services to approximately 37.8 million customers, of which 28.3 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of €72.9 billion in 2014, of which 45.2% outside of France. EDF is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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