

GDF SUEZ Energy Romania becomes majority shareholder of Congaz, a gas distribution and supply company operating in the South-East of Romania

Bucharest, 31st of July 2014 - GDF SUEZ Energy Romania has increased its shareholding from 28.59% to 85.77% in Congaz, through the acquisition of the shares held by OMV Petrom and E.ON Ruhrgas International in that company. This transaction just received the clearance from the Romanian Competition Council.

With this acquisition, GDF SUEZ Energy Romania reinforces its position of the largest gas distributor and supplier on the regulated market in the country. The Group serves now more than 1.4 million customers in Romania and operates 17,500 km of networks in 17 counties in the Southern part of the country and in Bucharest.

“Romania is an important country for GDF SUEZ in Europe : the Group is active in various activities like gas and electricity supply, gas distribution, electricity production and energy services. The acquisition of Congaz will allow GDF SUEZ Energy Romania to further strengthen its position in the gas sector and develop its customer portfolio in an important region of Romania, with significant growth potential”, stated Jean-François Cirelli, Vice-Chairman and President, in charge of the Energy Europe Business line.

Congaz was established in 1999 in order to develop a gas distribution network in the area of Constanta, the fifth most populated city of Romania and the near towns along the Black Sea coast. Currently, Congaz operates a gas distribution network of approximately 850 km, with a portfolio of 55 000 customers in about fourteen cities and towns within the Constanta county (Constanța, Medgidia, Năvodari, Ovidiu, Negru Vodă, Agigea, Eforie Sud and Nord, Cogealac, Cumpăna, Lumina, Lazu, Valu lui Traian and Mihail Kogălniceanu).

Moreover, Congaz' mid-term plan is to extend its network within the existing concessions as well as to further develop its footprint through new concessions.

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