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## Electrabel and SUEZ regroup their participation in Acea

Electrabel and SUEZ have decided to put their Acea participation into Electrabel Italia SpA, a 100% subsidiary of Electrabel. Due to these operations Electrabel Italia SpA now holds a 3.38% stake in Acea, a major player on the Italian electricity and water market.

Therefore a declaration of transparency was remitted today 22 June 2005 to the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa.

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### Electrabel, a European supplier of all-in, tailor-made energy solutions

Electrabel is one of Europe's front-ranking energy companies and leader in the Benelux. It seizes the opportunity of the electricity and natural gas market deregulation to achieve sustainable growth in Europe while keeping to strict criteria of profitability.

The company develops its range of energy products and services by exploiting the synergies between electricity and natural gas. It offers a tailor-made solution for each customer, characterised by quality and close support, acting through marketing subsidiaries and partnerships with local operators.

The company manages a diversified range of generating facilities totalling more than 28,200 MW, and carries out trading on all the energy markets. In Belgium it operates the electricity and natural gas networks on behalf of distribution system operators.

Electrabel is part of SUEZ, an international industrial and services group that is active in energy and the environment.

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