

## **Electrabel is the leading producer of green electricity in Belgium**

**Greenpeace published its latest ranking of electricity suppliers on Tuesday 25 September. Electrabel contests the ranking and points out that it is the leading producer of “green electricity” in Belgium.**

In the Greenpeace ranking of electricity suppliers on the Belgian market, Electrabel's green products (Electrabel Green and AlpEnergy) are placed in the “Red” category. Electrabel considers that this ranking lacks an objective basis, as the scores given to it have been revised downwards due to the fact that Electrabel has nuclear generating facilities. This makes the ranking non-representative.

Electrabel has opted for a European strategy of electricity production based on a diversified fuel mix, making use of all the technologies available. In Belgium, in addition to “conventional” generating facilities (gas and coal-fired) and nuclear facilities, the company has a very significant amount of capacity based on renewable energy sources (biomass, wind power and hydroelectric power). Electrabel is actually the leading producer of green electricity in Belgium, with installed capacity of around 400 megawatts (MW).

Electrabel pursues a dynamic strategy of expanding its renewable capacity. It recently demonstrated this once more by installing the world's first ever CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral automotive plant, in collaboration with Volvo Europa Trucks.

Electrabel currently has more than 5 000 MW of renewable capacity in Europe, representing 16% of its current installed capacity. The company has set itself the objective of increasing this to 6 300 MW or 18% of its installed capacity by 2009. This will put Electrabel ahead of schedule to meet the EU objective of 20% renewable capacity by 2020. Furthermore, the Electrabel Green and AlpEnergy products are certified 100% from renewable sources by competent authorities.

Despite Electrabel's recent efforts to establish a constructive dialogue with Greenpeace, the results of the ranking are still biased against producers like Electrabel that possess nuclear generating facilities. Electrabel regrets this discriminatory methodology on the part of Greenpeace.

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

Electrabel is one of the front-ranking power companies in Europe and the leader in the Benelux. It is taking advantage of opportunities offered by deregulation of the electricity and gas markets 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 30,000 MW, and carries out trading on all the energy markets. In Belgium it operates the electricity and gas networks on behalf of the distribution network operators.

Electrabel is a member of Suez, an international industrial and services group operating in the fields of energy and the environment.

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