

Press release

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## **Electrabel opens its first natural gas filling station to the public in Belgium**

Electrabel, GDF SUEZ Group, is today inaugurating its renovated natural gas filling station in Brugge. The station has been completely revamped with a payment terminal being added, the main item necessary in order to make it usable by members of the public.

Electrabel currently has three gas filling stations, in Brugge, Berchem and Mechelen, all of which will be accessible to the general public by the end of the year. This investment in modifying its gas filling stations forms part of the company's commitment to sustainable development.

In the past few years Electrabel has invested heavily in reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from its generating activities. And also in its commercial activities it is ready to help its customers find solutions for cutting their own CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, for her residential clients as well as for our professional and industrial clients.

Within her plan of action concerning sustainable development Electrabel has foreseen initiatives regarding the mobility aspect. Already this summer she put four electric vehicles into operation. By opening up its gas filling stations Electrabel is taking a further step to promote promising environment-friendly technologies.

Motorised transport currently accounts for 21% of total greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Besides electric cars, vehicles powered by natural gas are one of the most promising technological solutions currently available. They offer a more environment-friendly alternative to cars that run on petrol or diesel, as they emit fewer harmful substances, make less noise and are odour-free.

Some figures:

A tank holding 20 kg of natural gas gives a driving range of around 400 km and costs € 18, which works out at €0.045 per km.

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