

Media Release

Terravent purchases first wind farm

Dietikon, 10 May 2012. **The investment company Terravent AG bought its first wind farm today. The plant is located in the windy hills of the French department of Aveyron in the Midi-Pyrénées region and generates nearly 40 million kilowatt hours of electricity per year – a production capacity sufficient for around 8,000 households. Terravent AG, which is owned by the five Swiss utilities AET, EKS, EKZ, ewl and SN Energie, as well as the energy trader EGL, is investing in European wind farms.**

"With the purchase of this wind farm, we've reached a first milestone. The plant fits into our investment strategy perfectly," says Terravent's Managing Director Stefan Wittwer. Terravent was founded in the summer of 2011 with the goal to invest in onshore wind farm projects in Europe in order to secure physical supply and procurement rights for electricity, as well as the respective green electricity certificates.

The wind farm, Castelnau Pégayrols, in Southwest France is set up in four individual legal entities. Terravent has purchased two of these companies, CEPU and CEFA, from Direct Energie, the largest independent electricity supplier in France.

„The wind farm has been in operation since 2008, and therefore suits Terravent's interests well. Our patience paid off. With this first acquisition, we have invested in an attractive plant that is functioning reliably. Development and construction risks fall away,“ says Wittwer. The seven gearless Enercon turbines have an installed capacity totalling 16.5 MW. The rotors have a diameter of 71 metres. The parties have agreed not to disclose the sales price.

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About Terravent

Terravent is a Swiss investment company founded with the purpose to invest in onshore wind farms in Europe. Terravent shareholders are the Swiss energy companies Azienda Elettrica Ticinese (AIT; 21.4%), Elektrizitätswerk des Kantons Schaffhausen AG (EKS; 14.3%), Elektrizitätswerke des Kantons Zürich (EKZ; 14.3%), ewl energie wasser luzern (ewl; 14.3%), SN Energie (21.4%) and the EGL Group (14.3%). Terravent headquarters is in Dietikon/Zurich (Switzerland).