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Press Release

ACTIVA CAPITAL INVESTS IN GAZ EUROPEEN

Activa Capital has become the reference financial shareholder in Gaz Européen, a leading independent alternative gas distributor supplying the collective residential B2B market in France.

Gaz Européen's success as a credible alternative gas provider is based on its parent company's 60 years' experience in providing energy solutions to the collective residential B2B market (property managers, heating ventilation and air conditioning companies, tertiary and public companies).

Anticipating the liberalisation of the French gas distribution market, Gaz de Paris was founded in 2005. Experiencing a strong growth in the Paris Ile-de-France region, Gaz Européen has developed its national coverage by creating 5 regional entities in major cities in France: Gaz de Lille, Gaz de Nantes, Gaz de Lyon, Gaz de Marseille and Gaz de Toulouse.

In 2013, the group generated a turnover of €105 million.

For **Yann Robin, President of Gaz Européen**, « *the arrival of Activa Capital in Gaz Européen's capital will accelerate the successful development of the Group and provide the capital to underpin our growth.* »

For **Charles Diehl, Partner of Activa Capital**, « *we are delighted to be partnering with and accompanying Gaz Européen's growth. Gaz Européen has a first-class track record of new client wins as the competition in French gas market opens up.* »

Participants

Gaz Européen: Yann Robin, Luc-Marie Greslé, Yann Evin, Gilles Kruczek
Activa Capital: Charles Diehl, Grégory Fradelizi, Alexis Collon, Pierre Chabaud
Paluel-Marmont Capital: Xavier Poppe, François-Xavier Deren
Seller advisers: Transaction R (Laurent Buiatti, Marguerite Mell Teyssier, Lucrece d'Assignies)
Seller legal advice: DLA Piper (Xavier Norlain, Sarmad Haidar)
Buyer legal advice: Mayer Brown (Olivier Aubouin, Patrick Teboul, Caroline Poncelet, Maud Bischoff)
Financial due diligence: Deloitte (Vincent Battle, Vania Mermoud)
Social due diligence: La Garanderie & Associés (Marie-Alice Jourde)
Strategic due diligence: CVA (Joël Poher, Matthieu Crest)
Vendor due diligence: KPMG (Rémi Boulesteix, Mathieu Schohn)

About Gaz Européen

With its 60 years of experience and emanating from an historical energy actor based in the Paris Ile-de-France region, Gaz Européen is expert in supplying gas to the collective residential B2B market. With more than 250,000 clients, the company is present in France, through its entities Gaz de Paris, Gaz de Lille, Gaz de Nantes, Gaz de Lyon, Gaz de Marseille and Gaz de Toulouse.

To know more about Gaz Européen, please visit www.gaz-europeen.com

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About Activa Capital

Activa Capital is a leading French mid-market private equity firm. Activa Capital manages €500m of private equity funds on behalf of a wide range of institutional investors. Its mission is to partner with ambitious mid-sized French companies.

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