

## COMMUNIQUÉ

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### Holdigaz and Axpo become key shareholders of Swiss Green Gas International Ltd.

Swiss Green Gas International Ltd. is a joint initiative of relevant players in the Swiss energy industry. The expansion of renewable energies is an important strategic pillar for the shareholders of Swiss Green Gas International Ltd. In order to make electricity from renewable sources permanently available, power-to-X technologies, the production of green gas and hydrogen are essential. In view of Switzerland's climate neutrality targets, green gas and hydrogen produced with electricity from renewable energy sources are considered key technologies for the energy transition and decarbonization. Swiss Green Gas International Ltd. and its shareholders are committed to building up know-how in this field and to realizing pioneering projects. Holdigaz and Axpo are involved as key shareholders.

Founded in 2005, HOLDIGAZ Group is one of the leading natural gas and biogas supply companies in western Switzerland, supplying 161 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais and Fribourg with a total of 1,445 GWh of natural gas via its 1,804.3-kilometer network. In addition, HOLDIGAZ Group is active through various subsidiaries in the fields of plumbing, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, combined heat and power, building services, solar energy and green waste recycling and treatment centers. Holdigaz was formed in 2005 from the merger of Compagnie Industrielle et Commerciale du Gaz SA (CICG) in Vevey, founded in 1861, and Société du Gaz de la Plaine du Rhône SA (SGPR) in Aigle, founded in 1922. In total, HOLDIGAZ SA employs more than 470 people and generated consolidated operating income of 251.3 million Swiss francs in the fiscal year 2021.

Axpo is the largest Swiss producer of renewable energy and is an international leader in energy trading and in the marketing of solar and wind power. Five-thousand employees combine experience and expertise with a passion for innovation. Axpo develops innovative energy solutions based on state-of-the-art technology for its customers in thirty countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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