

Premier Energy Completes Acquisition of "Mihai Viteazu" Wind Farm from Iberdrola

Bucharest, July,30, 2024 – Premier Energy Group announces the successful completion of the acquisition of the operational “Mihai Viteazu” wind farm (80 MW), facilitated by a syndicated loan worth 61 million euros provided by Vista Bank and Optima Bank, the largest contracted by the company to date.

The transaction, one of the largest acquisitions in the company’s history, valued at nearly 88 million euros, was approved by the Competition Council and the Foreign Direct Investment Review Commission. Premier Energy PLC was assisted in the due diligence process and acquisition documentation negotiation by their internal team, alongside Dentons and lawyers from Bohâlțeanu & Asociații.

The Mihai Viteazu wind farm has an estimated annual net production of 165 GWh. In April this year, Premier Energy PLC signed the contract to fully acquire Eolica Dobrogea One from Iberdrola, the entity operating the “Mihai Viteazu” wind farm (Constanța County).

Jose Garza, CEO of Premier Energy Group commented: *“The completion of this transaction marks a milestone in our group’s development, and we thank our partners who facilitated it. The support of Vista Bank and Optima Bank was essential for this new step. The acquisition is one of the largest and significantly enhances our renewable energy assets. We remain committed to becoming an energy hub in the region, impacting the renewable energy sector and maximizing our shareholders’ investment in the medium and long term.”*

This strategic acquisition aims to consolidate Premier Energy’s commitment to green energy production, while the Group doubles its operational footprint regarding its portfolio of renewable wind assets.

Since the transaction, the park has been managed by Alive Capital, a company majority-owned by Premier Energy. Alive Capital ensures operational continuity and underscores Premier Energy’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards of efficiency and performance for its new wind project.

The 61 million euro loan granted by Vista Bank as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Lender, also acting as Facility and Security Agent and Account Bank, played a key role in financing this strategic acquisition.

Petr Stohr, CFO of Premier Energy Group, added: *“We are pleased to have a partner like Vista Bank, helping us complete one of the largest acquisitions for our group to date. We believe that achieving our growth objectives must be done with reliable partners. We are proud to contribute to the transition to green energy and to be one step closer to our goal of owning and managing an installed capacity of 1.4 - 1.5 GW in the coming years. At the same time, the acquisition marks an important step in our mission to profitably provide sustainable and reliable energy solutions in the region.”*

Premier Energy Group, a key player in the energy market in Southeast Europe, successfully debuted on the Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB) on May 28, 2024. It was the largest initial public offering (IPO) of an entrepreneurial company in the last seven years and the fifth largest listing since the founding of the BVB. The Group attracted capital of nearly 140 million euros, which raised its valuation to 2.4 billion RON (489.8 million euros). With a vast portfolio of assets in Romania and the Republic of Moldova, the listing of Premier Energy on the BVB provides the necessary resources to accelerate its investment plans in the region.

With one of the fastest growth rates in the Southeast European region, Premier Energy Group operates through three business verticals – supply and distribution of natural gas, production, supply, and distribution of electricity, and production of renewable energy (wind and solar). Premier Energy PLC is a holding company that controls other active companies both in Romania and abroad - the Republic of Moldova, Hungary, and Serbia.

In Romania and Moldova, Premier Energy owns green/renewable energy projects with a capacity of over 1,000 MW, projects that are owned, managed, or under development, equally divided between wind and photovoltaic projects.

In the medium and long term, Premier Energy’s strategy is to expand through new acquisitions and the development of new projects, especially in the field of renewable energy, in line with the company’s commitment to directly combating climate change.

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ABOUT PREMIER ENERGY

- With one of the fastest growth rates in the Southeast European region, Premier Energy Group operates through three business verticals – production, supply, and distribution of electricity; production and management of renewable energy (wind and solar); and supply and distribution of natural gas.
- The Group owns, manages, or has in development over 1,000 MW of renewable energy generation capacity (mainly wind and photovoltaic) and supplies electricity to approximately 2.4 million consumption points in Romania and Moldova, the majority being households and small businesses. The Group also owns a vast electricity distribution network in Moldova, covering approximately 75% of the country's population.
- Premier Energy is also a supplier of natural gas for household and non-household consumers (in retail, industry, commerce) and owns and operates a gas distribution network of over 3,600 km in areas around the capital, in the southern and western parts of the country, as well as in smaller towns in northern Romania. The company is the third-largest player in the natural gas distribution market.
- Following its listing on the BVB, Premier Energy Group is 71% owned by the Czech investment fund Emma Capital, founded by Czech entrepreneur Jiří Šmejč. Šmejč is also the CEO of PPF, the largest investment fund in the region, with assets of over 43 billion euros.
- The BVB listing in May 2024 represents the largest initial public offering (IPO) of an entrepreneurial company in the last seven years and the fifth-largest listing since the founding of the Bucharest Stock Exchange.