



## **Press release**

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# **Groupe E and Romande Energie entrust Cisel Informatique to its management**

**Groupe E and Romande Energie, which each own 45% of Cisel Informatique's share capital, are selling their entire interests to management. This transaction will give the company the freedom it needs to continue developing its high-value IT services.**

Cisel Informatique SA, founded jointly by Groupe E, Romande Energie and EOS in 1971 as a simple partnership (it became a limited company in 2003), provides services to firms in Western Switzerland covering tasks such as IT outsourcing, ERP integration and cloud computing. In 2015, Alpiq Holding SA (formerly EOS) sold its interest in this firm to Groupe E and Romande Energie, giving them a 90% combined interest, held on equal terms.

Neither of the shareholders today believes that a majority stake in a computing company is strategic for their business activities, when considering that the information systems industry is changing so quickly and offering more and more different services. Consequently, Groupe E and Romande Energie have given the company's management team the opportunity to buy out their entire holdings and transform Cisel into a stand-alone company.

Cisel Informatique SA will become fully independent at the end of July this year. It will continue to support customers' business projects and will remain a significant provider of corporate IT services in Western Switzerland. In this mission, it can count on the expertise of more than 80 employees serving its approximately 100 customers. Groupe E and Romande Energie will continue buying services from Cisel Informatique SA.

No job losses will occur as a result of this management buy-out, which will give Cisel Informatique SA and its leadership the means to enact new strategies for expanding the range of business activities.

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### Groupe E at a glance

Groupe E is a leading and highly trusted Swiss energy provider. Its own production plants (proprietary and holdings) consist of hydro and thermal power plants, which produce almost half of the 3 TWh sold annually. Together with the group companies, Groupe E markets a comprehensive range of energy products and services, areas as diverse as renewable energies, district heating, distribution of natural gas and electrical installations, together with energy efficiency, electromobility, engineering and domestic appliances. The group employs over 1,500 people, including 160 apprentices.

For more information, visit [www.groupe-e.ch](http://www.groupe-e.ch).

### Romande Energie at a glance

Romande Energie Group is the leading electricity distributor in Western Switzerland. Through its subsidiary Romande Energie Commerce, it supplies more than 300,000 end-customers directly in approximately 300 municipalities in the cantons of Vaud, Valais, Fribourg and Geneva. Its core business lines are the **generation, distribution and marketing** of power, alongside **energy services**.

Priorities are liaising with customers to ensure high-quality services in line with expectations; guaranteeing a reliable, sustainable and competitive supply of energy; developing proprietary power generation through priority investments in renewable energy; and promoting innovative energy-efficiency solutions.

Romande Energie's corporate social responsibility policy systematically guides its approach to business.

For more information on Romande Energie Group, visit  
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### About Cisel Informatique

Cisel Informatique is a provider of IT services, located in Western Switzerland, offering outsourcing, ERP integration and SAP services for PMEs. Annual revenues exceed CHF 19 million. With over 80 employees, Cisel is a dedicated partner for industrial customers, offering a range of services covering all their information technology requirements. Cisel has its focus firmly on its customers and has teamed up with the market leaders to offer them the best in technology.

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