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## **Press release**

## Ad-hoc announcement: EVN resolves on capital increase

- > Capital increase of 16,352,582 new shares with a subscription ratio of 10:1
- > Pre-placement to international investors
- > Proceeds will be used to strengthen balance sheet by increasing issued equity and thereby supporting credit rating, as well as for investments in renewable energy projects in Lower Austria and the expansion of hydro power energy capacities in other regions of Austria and in neighbouring countries

With the Supervisory Board's approval, the Managing Board of EVN AG has resolved on a capital increase from authorized capital through the issuance of 16,352,582 new ordinary no-par value bearer shares.

This capital increase will increase the share capital of EVN AG from EUR 300,000,000 by 10% to EUR 330,000,000. The subscription ratio will be 10:1, which means the existing shareholders will be entitled to subscribe for one new share for every ten outstanding shares held. The subscription period for the new shares is expected to start on October 29, 2010 and end on November 12, 2010.

All new shares, for which subscription rights have not been exercised or which have not been subscribed by eligible employees of EVN Group will be pre-offered to institutional investors also outside of Austria. This pre-placement begins with immediate effect still today, October 27, 2010 and will terminate before the beginning of the subscription period.

EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG as significant shareholder of EVN AG has irrevocably undertaken towards the company neither to exercise nor to transfer to third parties any of its subscription rights relating to the new shares, provided that the subscription price for the new shares will be fixed with EUR 10.50 or higher. The majority shareholder NÖ Landes-Beteiligungsholding GmbH with a shareholding of currently 51% will fully exercise its subscription rights and subscribe 51% of the new shares.

The subsciption price as well as the offer price for the pre-placement is expected to be fixed by resolution of the board of management with the consent of the supervisory board and in coordination with the syndicate of banks based on the results of the bookbuilding process for the pre-placement on October 28, 2010. The subscription price at which the new shares are offered to the shareholders in connection with their subscription rights will be equal to offer price and is expected to be announced on October 28, 2010.

The first trading day in the new shares on the Vienna Stock Exchange is expected to be November 2, 2010. The new shares carry full dividend rights from and including the fiscal year 2009/10.

The proceeds from the capital increase primarily benefits EVN Group's balance sheet and thereby supporting EVN Group's credit rating. In addition, the proceeds will be used to finance projects for the expansion of renewable energy capacities in Lower Austria in the form of further hydro power plants and wind parks as well as the expansion of hydro power capacities in other regions of Austria and in neighbouring countries.

The prospectus intended to support the offer to the shareholders in connection with their subscription rights and the offer to the eligible employees of EVN Group is still subject to the approval by the Austrian Financial Market Authority. This approval is expected to take place on, October 28, 2010.

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft and Raiffeisen Centrobank AG are acting as Joint Bookrunners and Joint Lead Managers in the offering.

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