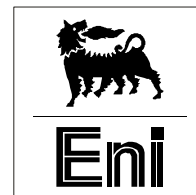


The logo for Publigas, featuring the word "Publigas" in a white serif font on a dark brown rectangular background.

Eni and Publigas sign a Shareholders' Agreement in relation to Distrigas

San Donato Milanese (MI)/Brussels, 30 July 2008 – Eni and Publigas are pleased to announce that they have signed today a final Shareholders' Agreement defining their relationship with regard to the management of Distrigas.

On 29 May 2008, Eni signed an agreement to acquire from Suez-Tractebel S.A., subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, its 57.243% interest (the "majority stake") in Distrigas, in which Publigas holds a 31.25% interest. Simultaneous with the signing of the Shareholders' Agreement, Publigas has waived its pre-emption right in relation to the majority stake.

Pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement, Eni and Publigas will, respectively, have the right to appoint 11 and 7 board members of Distrigas, excluding the legally required independent directors.

The Shareholders' Agreement also provides for certain shareholder matters, such as the approval of the annual accounts, the approval of dividend distributions, the appointment of the statutory auditor and the independent directors, and certain board matters, such as the approval of the business plan and of significant investments, in relation to which there will be a prescribed voting procedure.

As future reference shareholders in Distrigas, Eni and Publigas have also agreed certain share transfer arrangements, including, inter alia, pre-emption rights.

The effectiveness of the Shareholders' Agreement is conditional upon, inter alia, the closing of the acquisition by Eni of the majority stake.

Further information on the provisions of the Shareholders' Agreement will be included in the mandatory tender offer prospectus which will be issued as a result of the closing of the acquisition of the majority stake.

This press release will also be released in French and Dutch.

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