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Elia welcomes new Chairman of the Board

Elia's Board of Directors unanimously appointed Miriam Maes as Chairman of the Board on Thursday, 26 June 2014.

The appointment of Ms Maes is a sign of confidence and secures the continuity the company requires for the years ahead.

Ms Maes has been an independent director on the Elia Board since May 2011. Her extensive international experience, including in the energy sector, gives her a unique insight she can leverage as she continues to support Elia in its ongoing growth and development.

Miriam Maes has been working in multinationals for more than 30 years, in both the food and energy sectors. She moved to the energy industry in 2002, starting at Texas Utilities as a member of their European Executive Committee, and later joining EDF in the UK as COO. In 2007 she became CEO of Foresee, an energy and climate consultancy and strategy firm. In 2012, she was appointed Senior Advisor for the Climate and Energy programme of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a transatlantic think tank.

She serves on the boards of various listed companies, including Naturex, Assystem, Sabien Technology Group and Vilmorin & Cie.

Ms Maes earned a Business Degree from Nijenrode International Business School in the Netherlands.

The Board of Directors has also decided to appoint Geert Versnick and Claude Gregoire as vice chairmen.

The Elia Board has 14 members, half of whom are independent directors.

About Elia

The Elia Group is organised around two electricity transmission system operators (TSOs): Elia Transmission in Belgium and 50Hertz Transmission (in which Elia has a 60% stake), one of the four German transmission system operators, active in the north and east of Germany. With 1,900 employees and a transmission grid comprising some 18,300 km of high-voltage connections serving 30 million consumers, the Elia Group is one of Europe's top 5 TSOs. It efficiently, reliably and securely transmits electricity from generators to distribution system operators and major industrial consumers, while also importing and exporting electricity from and to neighbouring countries. The Group is a driving force behind the development of the European electricity market and the integration of energy generated from renewable sources.

In addition to its system operator activities in Belgium and Germany, the Elia Group offers businesses a range of consultancy and engineering services.

The Group operates under the legal entity Elia System Operator, a listed company whose core shareholder is municipal holding company Publi-T.