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## Electrabel announces an accelerated bookbuilding of around 5% in Elia System Operator SA/NV ("Elia")

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Electrabel, GDF SUEZ Group ("Electrabel"), announces today the launch of a private placement of around 5% of Elia's currently outstanding shares, through an accelerated bookbuilt offering.

ING Belgium NV/SA and KBC Securities NV are acting as the Joint Bookrunners for the transaction. The results of the placement will be announced upon completion of the accelerated bookbuilt offering.

The shares are expected to be suspended from trading on the Euronext Brussels, and trading in the stock is expected to resume following the publication of the results of the bookbuilding.

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