

Media Release
25 April 2013

Alpiq Holding Ltd.

Good 2013 first-quarter results

In the first quarter of 2013 Alpiq Holding Ltd. (Alpiq) recorded consolidated net revenue of CHF 2.4 billion and EBITDA of CHF 229 million. As announced on 12 March 2013, Alpiq intends to raise hybrid capital totalling between CHF 800 million and CHF 1.0 billion. The Swiss majority shareholders are contributing CHF 366.5 million to a hybrid shareholder loan.

With EBITDA of CHF 229 million (previous year: CHF 222 million), Alpiq has delivered good results for the first quarter of 2013. EBIT amounted to CHF 163 million (previous year: CHF 105 million), with Group profit of CHF 65 million (previous year: CHF 45 million).

Despite the drop in market prices, Alpiq achieved a good result thanks to higher-than-expected hydraulic production as a result of its optimised production park, cost savings related to the ongoing restructuring programme, activities on the international wholesale markets, and the contribution made by new renewable energies. This result is all the more satisfactory since it does not contain grid revenue after the transfer of facilities to Swissgrid. EBIT was positively impacted by the impairment charges recognised at the end of 2012.

As a result of the disposals and closures already carried out under the restructuring programme, consolidated operating profit declined by 28.8% to CHF 2.4 billion. "These solid results attest to the ability of Alpiq to capitalise on the market opportunities available to us," says Jasmin Staiblin, CEO of Alpiq.

Despite the good results for the first quarter of 2013, Alpiq expects to end the full year with lower results than the operating results for 2012. This is due on the one hand to the sale or imminent disposal of activities as part of the divestment programme, and on the other hand to price adjustments and various regulatory developments.

Swiss majority shareholders contribute to hybrid shareholder loan

As announced at the presentation of the annual results on 12 March 2013, Alpiq intends to raise hybrid capital totalling between CHF 800 million and CHF 1 billion, with a view to improving its financial flexibility and strengthening its capital base.

In a first important step, the principal Swiss majority shareholders have pledged a hybrid shareholder loan of CHF 366.5 million. For the remaining amount, Alpiq intends to issue a public hybrid to be offered to investors in the Swiss market. "The important participation of the principal Swiss shareholders sends out a strong signal for the company, which intends to concentrate on its core strengths and exploit the forthcoming opportunities arising from fundamental changes on the markets," says Hans E. Schweickardt, Chairman of Alpiq.

Debt reduction and restructuring on track

Net debt as at 31 March 2013 amounted to around CHF 3.5 billion. This corresponds to a reduction of around CHF 0.5 billion compared to 31 December 2012, as a result of inflows from divestments (sale of the stake in Romande Energie Holding SA, sale of the stake in Repower AG, settlement of the first instalment of the purchase price related to the transfer of the grid to Swissgrid), and the positive trend in operating business. The restructuring programme will be continued. As announced, the company will reduce its annual costs by CHF 100 million as from 2015. The announced divestment programme will also be further pursued in 2013.

Note: All prior-year figures listed here are restated in accordance with 2013 IFRS Accounting Standards and contain, among other things, effects from the first-time full consolidation of Kraftwerke Gougra AG as at 1 January 2013.

For further information: <http://www.alpiq.com/reports>

Media contact: Martin Stutz
T+ +41 62 286 71 10
presse@alpiq.com

Contact for investors: Tamara Andenmatten
T+ +41 62 286 72 17
investors@alpiq.com

Information on the hybrid shareholder loan and public hybrid

Both hybrid instruments qualify 100% as equity under IFRS accounting standards and Alpiq assumes that, based on the conventional rating methodologies applied in the capital market, both instruments will be attributed 50% to equity by research analysts and other market participants.

The term of the hybrid shareholder loan is unlimited. The term of the public hybrid will also be unlimited, with a first-time right of the issuer to cancel for the first time after 5.5 years. The hybrid shareholder loan can be repaid only after repayment of the public hybrid and is subordinate to the public hybrid, although under certain circumstances it can be replaced with an equity instrument. Interest on the hybrid shareholder loan can be paid on a non-cumulative basis.

The interest on the hybrid shareholder loan is based on the conditions of the public hybrid. These are defined in the context of a book-building procedure. Additional information on the conditions governing the public hybrid can be obtained from the provisional loan prospectus which will be available on the launch of the public hybrid. The intention is to list the public hybrid and admit it for trading on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Credit Suisse and UBS are advising Alpiq on the structuring of the two hybrid instruments and are acting as joint bookrunners for the placement of the public hybrid.

Disclaimer

This document does not constitute an offer to subscribe to the hybrid instruments of Alpiq Holding Ltd. Decisions on the purchase or subscription to hybrid instruments of Alpiq Holding Ltd. should be based solely on the official listing prospectus published by Alpiq Holding Ltd.

This document and the information it contains are not intended for distribution to the United States of America (USA) or within the USA and may not be forwarded to any U.S persons (as defined in Regulation S of the US Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), as amended, or to publications in general circulation within the USA. This media release constitutes neither an offer nor an invitation to purchase securities in the USA. The securities of Alpiq Holding Ltd. have not been registered under the Securities Act and may not be sold, offered, pledged or otherwise transferred unless a registration has been filed in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act or an exemption from the obligation to register has been granted. No public offering of the securities of Alpiq Holding Ltd. is made in the USA.

This document does not constitute a prospectus as defined in Article 652a /1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or as defined by the SIX Swiss Exchange Listing Rules. Consequently this document is not subject to the investor protection requirements otherwise applicable for investors in Switzerland.