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## **Appointment of Bernard Fontana as Chief Executive Officer, Arabelle Solutions**

Paris 15 October, 2024: Bernard Fontana has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Arabelle Solutions, EDF's recently-acquired provider of conventional island equipment for nuclear power plants<sup>1</sup> and associated services, effective October 28 2024. Bernard Fontana will continue in his roles as Chairman of the Board of Arabelle Solutions, and Chief Executive Officer of Framatome. Frédéric Wiscart, Chief Executive Officer of Arabelle Solutions, will leave the company to pursue an external opportunity.

Bernard Fontana is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Techniques Avancées in Paris. He has more than 30 years' experience in the chemical, steel and building materials sectors (SNPE, ArcelorMittal, APERAM and Holcim). In 2012, he was appointed CEO of Holcim.

Since September 1, 2015, Bernard Fontana has been the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of AREVA NP. On July 1, 2016, he was appointed Chairman of the Management Board and CEO of Framatome (formerly AREVA NP). He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of Thales and SSAB, Member of the Board of Directors of GIFEN Services, after having been Chairman for 4 years; Member of the Governance of GIFEN, since its creation in 2018 and Member of the HCTISN in France. Since April 1, 2024, Bernard Fontana has also been Group Senior Executive Vice President in charge of EDF's Industry and Services Unit which includes the activities of Framatome and Arabelle Solutions.

Bernard Fontana states: "I look forward to working with the team at Arabelle Solutions, as we focus on helping to maximise the availability of low-carbon electricity by equipping new power plants and optimizing our installed base to deliver more TWH.

I thank Frederic Wiscart for his contributions to Arabelle Solutions and wish him well with his future endeavours."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The conventional island buildings generate electricity and cool circuits. Electricity is produced in the turbine hall, which houses the turbine generator set (steam turbine and generator) and auxiliary equipment (condenser, turbine-driven feedwater pumps.)



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## **About Arabelle Solutions**

Arabelle Solutions offers a broad portfolio of technologies and services that are used in more than a third of nuclear power plants globally – helping customers across the world deliver reliable power as they transition to a lower-carbon future. The Arabelle steam turbine is the most advanced of its kind and the company provides turbine island lifecycle support solutions for all nuclear reactor types - improving power output, reducing environmental footprint, and lowering operational cost. Arabelle Solutions has around 3,300 employees across 16 countries and is a subsidiary of EDF Group. The company was formerly owned by GE Vernova (NYSE:GEV)

## **About EDF**

The EDF Group is a key player in the energy transition, as an integrated energy operator engaged in all aspects of the energy business: power generation, distribution, trading, energy sales and energy services. The Group is a world leader in low-carbon energy, with a low carbon output of 434TWh (1), a diverse generation mix based mainly on nuclear and renewable energy (including hydropower). It is also investing in new technologies to support the energy transition. *EDF's raison d'être is to build a net zero energy future with electricity and innovative solutions and services, to help save the planet and drive well-being and economic development.* The Group supplies energy and services to approximately 40.9 million customers (2) and generated consolidated sales of €139.7 billion in 2023.

- (1) See EDF's 2024 URD sections 1.2.3, 1.3.2 and 3.1
- (2) Customers are counted per delivery site. A customer may have two delivery points.

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