



## **press release**

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### **Hera equity investment in Aspes Multiservizi increases to 49.79%**

#### **The transaction forms part of the privatisation plan launched in 2002**

Today (27 July) the Hera Group formalised the acquisition of 2,512,488 shares in Aspes Multiservizi, the company responsible for water, energy and environmental services in the Pesaro area of Italy.

The transaction represents an important step along the consolidation path of public partner relations in the Pesaro area and in the further development of the company. Aspes Multiservizi, in fact, is a solid and deep-rooted company in the area: in 2005, the cubic metres of gas distributed to over 44,000 customers totalled 92.4 million, water supplied to its 13 districts amounted to 16.6 million cubic metres and the waste collected reached over 77,000 metric tons, with a consolidated turnover of 90 million euro and EBITDA of 12.6 million euro.

The shares purchased for the sum of 16.6 million euro, corresponding to 22.92% of Aspes Multiservizi share capital, increase the Hera shareholding to 49.79%, whereas 50.1% is held by Pesaro and district municipalities and 0.11% by private shareholders.

Commenting on the transaction, Mr Tommasi, company chairman, declared, "Today a further and important step was taken along the path to privatisation launched in 2002 and agreed with the Public Partners of Aspes Multiservizi, with whom an effective collaboration has developed from the outset, and which has seen Hera chosen as Aspes Multiservizi industrial partner".

Tommasi also emphasised that, "this reshuffling of shares will not interfere with the plan to create a single provincial newco, involving the inclusion of other territorial authorities (Megas in Urbino and Aset in Fano), but rather aims to provide fresh and positive elements in the development plan for the new company. "

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