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## Eurohold Will Hold Over 88% of CEZ Distribution and More Than 69% of CEZ Electro Following Buyout Bids for Minority Stakes

**Sofia**, **12 November 2021 -** The majority shareholder of CEZ Distribution Bulgaria AD and CEZ Electro Bulgaria AD - Eastern European Electric Company B.V. (EEEC), part of **Eurohold Bulgaria** AD, will increase its interests in the two companies to 88.2% and 69.3% of the capital, respectively, as a result of the public tender offers carried out and following the completion of the deals with the shareholders that have accepted the offers.

The takeover bids of EEEC for the acquisition of the remaining interests it does not own in the two energy companies were accepted by a total of 143 of CEZ Distribution's shareholders and a total of 19 of CEZ Electro's shareholders. After the completion of the deals EEEC, which currently owns 67% of the capital in each of the two companies, will acquire additional 408 552 shares or 21.2% of the capital in CEZ Distribution for a total of approx. BGN 118.9 million, as well as additional 117 shares or 2.3% of the capital in CEZ Electro for a total of nearly BGN 3.2 million. In October the energy subholding of **Eurohold** offered to buy the outstanding 33% interests it does not own in the two companies for a total of around BGN 230 million.

In July, **Eurohold**'s unit - EEEC, acquired seven subsidiaries of Czech energy group CEZ in Bulgaria for EUR 335 million. As a result of the transaction, **Eurohold** became a majority owner of the largest power grid operator, the biggest power supplier and the largest licensed electricity trader in Bulgaria. The group also acquired an IT services company, a solar park, a biomass-fired power plant and the company that used to coordinate the operations of all CEZ Group's units in Bulgaria.

## **Eurohold Bulgaria AD**

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