CMS advises EBRD on EUR 30 million Premier Energy financing in Romania



International law firm CMS has advised the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on an up to 30 million EUR revolving working capital loan to Premier Energy SRL, the third largest player on the natural gas distribution market in Romania. The funds will be used to cover the company's gas trading operations.

Premier Energy SRL is owned by the energy holding company Premier Energy PLC and controlled by the Czech investment fund Emma Capital.

EBRD is a major investor in Romania, focusing on financing infrastructure, boosting private sector productivity and strengthening the financial sector. To date, the EBRD has invested over €10 billion in the Romanian economy through close to 500 projects.

CMS advised EBRD on all aspects of the financing, including due-diligence, structuring, negotiations, closing and post-closing matters.

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