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### **Business Review Annual Investment Awards – OPCOM nominated at the “Deal of the Year” category for 2008**

Occasioned by the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Business Review Annual Investments Awards organized by Business Media Group and dedicated to outstanding achievements registered by the business community in Romania in 2008, SC OPCOM SA was nominated at the “Deal of the Year” category.

The nomination considers SC OPCOM SA, the Romanian Power Market Operator, winning the tendering organized by MAVIR, the Transmission System Operator Company in Hungary, for delivery of IT services and consultancy for the launch of the Hungarian Power Exchange -HUPX.

<http://brforum.ro/brawards/index.html>

OPCOM SA addresses its gratitude to Business Media Group and the Jury for this highly honoring nomination, that marks an important achievement of OPCOM and that comes following a multi-annual successful path of the Romanian Power Exchange.

OPCOM SA was incorporate in 2000 and is a joint-stock shared company, legal subsidiary of and 100% owned by CNTEE Transelectrica SA.

OPCOM SA registered, in 2008, the consolidation of the liquidity in the centralized markets it is administering. OPCOM SA joined and is participating in an effective manner at the efforts deployed by the Romanian authorized entities in Romania and of the region for the electricity markets integration at regional level, within the context of the European Union efforts dedicated to the establishment of the Internal Electricity Market. In this context the goal targeted by the present nomination is integrating.

Our gratitude is addressed to the Romanian involved authorities, that permanently supported the development of OPCOM SA, to the participants in the administered markets, without which active participation nothing would be possible, facilitating their commercial activity being the reason for the existence of OPCOM SA, to CNTEE Transelectrica SA and the World Bank, without which financial support the IT infrastructure to be used for providing the services under the regional perspective would not exist and to Nord Pool and NASDAQ OMX groups, that successful mark and long operational experience are giving us confidence in the soundness, reliability and perspective of the IT solution that will be the basis for the Romanian and Hungarian markets integration.

We are also addressing our gratitude to the European Commission, to the authorities that facilitated the deployment of the PHARE programs and to the consultants and suppliers that contributed to the development of OPCOM SA and of the electricity market in Romania: Kema Consulting, Areva T&D, Atos Origin, OMX Technology, Red Electrica de Espana, PricewaterhouseCoopers.