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REPL gets shareholder go ahead for bonus issue

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Mumbai: Reliance Power (REPL), the recently listed arm of the Reliance ADAG group, received the nod from its shareholders to issue bonus shares in the ratio of 3:5. Each non-promoter shareholder will receive three bonus shares for every five equity shares held. The company is yet to fix the record date for the allotment of the shares. It is likely to announce the record date by the end of the week, sources said.

The promoters of the firm are Anil Ambani's AAA Project Ventures and Reliance Energy. Both entities hold 45% stake each in REPL. Anil Ambani has waived his right to the bonus issue and also 'gifted' 6.15 crore shares of REPL to Reliance Energy to ensure no dilution of REL's stake in REPL. This move will maintain REL's stake at 45%. Post bonus Anil Ambani's stake in REPL will come down to 40%, with the remaining 15% held by the public.

"Shareholders through postal ballot have approved the proposals entailing that no allotment of bonus shares will be made to Anil Ambani and other promoters who waived their entitlement to such shares," REPL said in a statement. Further the shareholders have accorded their approval for issue of bonus shares in 3:5 ratio, wherein three new equity shares will be allotted for every five existing equity shares held, the company added. REPL raised Rs 11,650 crore earlier this year in the country's largest IPO.