



CHACAYES HYDROELECTRIC PLANT GOES ON LINE IN CHILE

111MW of installed power for a yearly output of 557GWh

Rome, 2 November 2011 – Astaldi informs that the Chacayes hydroelectric power plant, built in Chile by Astaldi in project financing, was inaugurated last October 25th and is now in the operating phase. The expected a yearly output is 557GWh. A long-term purchase agreement has already established that 60% of the produced power will be sold on Chile's energy market, with the remaining 40% will be sold to the spot market.

The Astaldi Group, which holds 27.3% of the initiative's Concessionaire, built – and, starting today, will operate – the plant in partnership with Pacific Hydro, an Australian Company specialized in the development of projects in the renewable energy sector.

Developed with full respect for the environment, the project is configured as a Run-of-River Driver Plant, generating totally renewable clean energy; in fact, its energy potential derives not from building dams or reservoirs, but from exploiting the kinetic energy generated by the natural flow of the Cachapoal river, the slope of the terrain, and the masses of moving water.

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