



ENEL WINS THE CONTEST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VIESGO – AN INTEGRATED PLAYER IN SPAIN’S ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION MARKET

Rome, September 12, 2001 – At the conclusion of a competitive auction, Enel was awarded 100% of Viesgo, the electricity generation and distribution company controlled by Spain’s Endesa.

The value of the operation was 1,870 million euro (about 3,600 billion lire), plus the assumption of 277 million euro (about 550 billion lire) in debt.

The company, which counts about 1,000 employees, has a net installed capacity of about 2,400 MW (Viesgo Generacion) and about 600,000 clients (Viesgo Distribucion).

In 2000, it had revenues of 648 million euro (about 1,300 billion lire), with an EBITDA of about 200 million euro (about 400 billion lire) and a net profit of 80 million euro (about 160 billion lire).

With this operation, Enel enters Spain’s electricity market which has one of the highest rates of demand growth in Europe (3%).

Nueva Viesgo’s generation plants are distributed throughout Spain and are 72% thermoelectric (carbon and fuel oil) and 28% hydroelectric.

The distribution network acquired by Enel with this operation covers 24,500 km in an area of northern Spain which includes the provinces of Cantabria, Asturia, Palencia, Burgos e Lugo. In recent years, this area has seen economic growth of an average 4% per year, higher than the national average (3.6% in 2000).

The adviser for the operation was Merrill Lynch.

The operation must be approved by the relevant authorities.