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## ENEL GREEN POWER STARTS CONSTRUCTION OF 475 MW SOLAR PV PLANT IN BRAZIL

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- *Enel will be investing around 1.4 billion Brazilian reais, equivalent to 390 million US dollars, in the construction of the solar plant*

**Rome/Rio de Janeiro, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** – The Enel Group's Brazilian renewable energy subsidiary Enel Green Power Brasil Participações Ltda. ("EGPB") has started construction of the 475 MW São Gonçalo solar park in São Gonçalo do Gurguéia, in Brazil's northeastern state of Piauí. São Gonçalo, which is expected to start operations in 2020, is the largest PV facility currently under construction in South America. The Enel Group will be investing around 1.4 billion Brazilian reais, equivalent to approximately 390 million US dollars, in the construction of the São Gonçalo PV facility.

*"The start of construction of this PV plant strengthens our leadership in the Brazilian renewable energy sector and confirms once again the importance we give to the development of solar energy in the country,"* said **Antonio Cammisecra**, Head of Enel Green Power, the Enel Group's global renewable energy business line. *"São Gonçalo will further contribute to the diversification and resilience of the country's energy mix, supporting a virtuous, economic cycle through the long-term supply of sustainable energy."*

Once fully up and running, the plant will be able to generate over 1,200 GWh per year while avoiding the emission of over 600,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. Out of São Gonçalo's 475 MW of installed capacity, 388 MW were awarded to the Enel Group in Brazil's A-4 public tender in December 2017 and are supported by 20-year power supply contracts with a pool of distribution companies operating in the country's regulated market. The remaining 87 MW are expected to generate energy for the free market.

In Brazil, the Enel Group, through its subsidiaries EGPB and Enel Brasil, has a total installed renewable capacity of more than 2.9 GW, of which 842 MW from wind power, 820 MW from solar PV and 1,269 MW from hydro. In addition, EGPB has more than 1 GW in execution in Brazil awarded in 2017 tenders.

**Enel Green Power**, the Renewable Energy business line of Enel Group, is dedicated to the development and operation of renewables across the world, with a presence in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Oceania. Enel Green Power is a global leader in the green energy sector with a managed capacity of about 43 GW across a generation mix that includes wind, solar, geothermal and hydropower, and is at the forefront of integrating innovative technologies into renewable power plants.