

Press Release

The president of the Republic of Angola opens the Gove hydroelectric power station reconstructed by Elecnor

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Madrid, 7 September 2012.- On 22 August, the president of the Republic of Angola, José Eduardo Dos Santos, presided over the opening of the Gove hydroelectric power station reconstructed by Elecnor. The event was also attended by the Minister of Energy, Joao Borges and the Angolan Minister of State, General Kopelipa, in addition to the Elecnor team that had headed the work in the power station in Angola.

The recently opened power station, with three new turbines of 20 MW each, provides 60 MW of energy for the power supply to Huambo, the second-largest city in the country, and to the provinces of Bié and Benguela.

This project is considered to be one of the most important ones for the country from the energy point of view, in addition to being a priority objective for the Angolan authorities due to the positive impact it will have on the economy and on national development.

A project with history

Gove hydroelectric power station is in the small town of Caala, in the province of Huambo in the interior of Angola. The dam, which is the nucleus of the project, was initially constructed by Portuguese colonists in 1969, although after 1975, due to the civil war in Angola, the construction was subjected to various damages and sabotages and was partially destroyed at the end of the 1990s.



With the intention of rebuilding the dam and creating a hydroelectric power station and a substation to improve the electrical power supply to the country, in 2007, as part of the national reconstruction process, negotiations started between the Angolan Ministry of Energy and Waters and a consortium of companies made up of Elecnor and another company specialising in civil work.

Finally, in 2010, Elecnor initiated the project and started the assembly tasks in which a team made up of more than 100 specialised professionals took part.

Elecnor was responsible for the entire assembly of the electromechanical part of the power station, as well as the electrical and auxiliary part. It was specifically responsible for assembling the three 20-MW each turbine-generator sets, the power plant's auxiliary systems which include



the cooling system for the sets, the CO₂ system, frequency variators, the lighting system as well as a step-up substation and a building for control and protection.

About Elecnor

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