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ENEL GREEN POWER CONFIRMS RENEWABLES LEADERSHIP IN MEXICO FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL TENDER OUTCOME

- *Enel Green Power has been awarded in Mexico the right to sign contracts for 15-year energy supply and 20-year clean certificate supply with three PV solar projects that have a total installed capacity of nearly 1 GW, more than any other participant*
- *Enel Green Power will be investing approximately 1 billion US dollars in the construction of the plants*
- *With this success, Enel Green Power strengthens its position as the largest renewable energy operator in Mexico in terms of installed capacity and project portfolio*

Rome/Mexico City, March 30th, 2016 – Enel Green Power (“EGP”), acting through its subsidiary Enel Green Power México, has been awarded the right to sign contracts for 15-year energy supply and 20-year clean certificate supply with three PV solar projects for a total capacity of around 1 GW in Mexico in the country’s first long-term public tender since its energy reform. EGP has been awarded more capacity than any other operator taking part in the tender, confirming its position as the largest renewables operator in Mexico in terms of installed capacity and project portfolio.

“We are extremely pleased about the results of this tender. It marks another historic moment for the company and confirms our global leadership in the renewables generation arena.” said Enel Green Power CEO **Francesco Venturini**. *“Mexico is a pivotal market for all serious players in this field due to its huge potential in clean energy and stable regulatory framework. The nearly 1 GW we have just been awarded, in addition to the capacity already in operation and under construction, have turned us into the main player in the country. We have worked hard to become one of the most competitive companies in many clean technologies and the positive outcome of this tender is another clear indication of the success of our growth strategy.”*

EGP will be investing approximately 1 billion US dollars in the construction of the new facilities, in line with the investments outlined in the company’s current strategic plan. Each of the three projects will be supported by a contract providing for the sale to Mexico’s Federal Electricity Commission (*Comisión Federal de Electricidad* in Spanish or CFE) of both specified volumes of energy over a 15-year period and the related clean certificates over a 20-year period.

The projects are expected to enter into operation in 2018 and will generate more than 2 TWh of green energy per year, making a significant contribution to both Mexico’s need for new power generation and the country’s environmental goals.



Villanueva and Villanueva 3 will be built in the State of Coahuila, in the north of Mexico, and will have a combined installed capacity of 754 MW¹. The 427 MW¹ Villanueva plant is expected to generate about 973 GWh per year, avoiding the annual emission of over 441,700 tonnes of CO₂. Villanueva 3 will have an installed capacity of 327 MW¹ and is expected to produce about 738 GWh per year, while avoiding the annual emission of more than 335,000 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

The 238 MW¹ Don José PV solar project will be constructed in the State of Guanajuato, in north-central Mexico. The plant is expected to generate around 539 GWh per year, while avoiding the annual emission of more than 244,700 tonnes of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

In Mexico, EGP currently has a total installed capacity of nearly 500 MW, of which 446 MW comes from wind and 53 MW from hydropower. The company also has two wind projects currently under construction, which are the 129 MW Palo Alto wind farm in the State of Jalisco and the 100 MW Vientos del Altiplano wind farm in the Zacatecas State.

***Enel Green Power** is the Enel Group company fully dedicated to the international development and management of renewable energy sources, with operations in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia. With a generation capacity that corresponds to approximately 34 billion kWh in 2015 from water, sun, wind and the Earth's heat – enough to meet the energy needs of more than 15 million households – Enel Green Power is a world leader in the sector thanks to its well-balanced generation mix that provides generation volumes well over the sector average. The company has an installed capacity of close to 10,500 MW from a mix of sources including wind, solar, hydropower, geothermal and biomass, and has more than 710 plants operating in 16 countries.*

*In **Latin America**, Enel Green Power runs renewable energy plants in Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama and Uruguay that have a total installed capacity of approximately 2,200 MW.*

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¹ DC capacity.

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