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ENTRY INTO SERVICE OF THE MANONO PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT

1. SUMMARY

THE SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTION POWER PLANT OF MANONO, THE LARGEST 100% OFF-GRID SOLAR PLANT IN THE REGION, HAS BEEN PUT INTO SERVICE, IS PRODUCING ELECTRICITY AND IS SUPPLYING A NEW GRID OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY (SNEL).

CONSTRUCTION OF THE POWER PLANT WAS FUNDED BY THE FORREST GROUP AND WAS DESIGNED, BUILT AND COMMISSIONED BY CONGO ENERGY, A FORREST GROUP SUBSIDIARY.

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2. PRESS RELEASE

The solar energy production power plant of Manono went into service in March 2018. It produces electricity and supplies a new separate grid of the NATIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANY (SNEL). Using advanced technologies, unprecedented in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, it is the largest 100% off-grid solar plant in the region.

The plant was designed, built and put into service by CONGO ENERGY, a FORREST GROUP subsidiary, in partnership with the company ENERDEAL. The project was completed thanks to the financing of FORREST GROUP, the subject of a prior agreement with the SNEL.

In addition to the power plant, CONGO ENERGY has notably built Medium Voltage grids, distribution cabins, Low-Voltage grids, customer connections and public lighting in the town of Manono.

Built in the heart of the town of Manono, on a two-hectare site, the power plant is a new source of electricity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Its production capacity is 1 Mega Watt peak and its battery storage capacity enables the plant to supply Manono with electricity when there is no sun.

MALTA DAVID FORREST, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CONGO ENERGY AND EXECUTIVE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF THE FORREST GROUP:
« [...] The Manono power plant going into service demonstrates the ability of the FORREST GROUP and of its subsidiary CONGO ENERGY to develop new infrastructure for electricity production in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular in the field of renewable energies. I am also particularly pleased that the group is participating in this way, in collaboration with the SNEL, to the socio-economic development of our country [...]"

3. PHOTOS

AERIAL VIEW OF THE POWER PLANT

GROUND VIEW OF THE POWER PLANT

MV/LV CABINS

PUBLIC LIGHTING