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**ANNOUNCEMENT** 

Under the terms and for the purposes of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 of the

European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 and other regulations in force,

REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais, S.G.P.S., S.A. ("REN") hereby informs the market and the

general public that REN - Rede Eléctrica Nacional, S.A., a company wholly owned by REN, has

received approval from the Government, after positive opinions from ERSE and DGEG, for the

following projects, in order to strengthen the high-voltage electricity transmission infrastructure

in Portugal:

1. Plan of specific investments in the National Transmission Network (RNT) relating to the

Sines High Demand Zone

This investment plan amounts to 536 million euros, the investments being partially subsidised

by network access contributions paid by the applicants for the corresponding connection

capacity, under the terms established in sector regulations. This plan aims to respond to the

increase in demand from industrial consumers in Sines by creating additional grid connection

capacity of up to 5.9 GVA. The plan will be carried out in three phases, the first ending on 31

October 2026, the second on 31 March 2029 and the third on 30 June 2031. These investments

are the result of the provisions of Decree-Law 80/2023 of 6 September, which establishes the

exceptional procedure for allocating grid connection capacity to consumer installations in

areas where demand exceeds grid capacity.

2. Other RNT reinforcements required for the integration of renewables

The Government also approved the RNT development project in the north-east of mainland

Portugal for the integration of renewables, as well as the reinforcement of the RNT for its

strategic development and to inject the Pisão photovoltaic plant into the grid, as part of the

Crato multi-purpose hydric project provided for in the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR).

The Government also accepted the reinforcement of the transformer capacity at the Frades

and Penela substations, necessary to enable the allocation of injection capacity into the grid

of new floating solar photovoltaic plants to be installed on national reservoirs, as allocated in

the scope of the respective competitive procedure promoted by the State. The CAPEX

investment value of these projects amounts to c. 75 million euros.

The projects now approved reinforce REN's commitment to pursue the goals of energy transition,

strengthening renewable energies, as well as the adequacy of the energy transmission

infrastructure necessary for the country's economic development.

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