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## **ANGOLA ANNOUNCES HYDROKINETIC POWER PROGRAM WITH PRIVINVEST**

The Ministry of Energy and Water of the Republic of Angola has signed a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) with Privinvest, the Middle East headquartered industrial group, to introduce hydrokinetic power generation over the next decade.

As a result of the presidential order of June 3rd 2016, the MOU was signed within the context of the Republic of Angola’s 2025 Energy Security Plan, under which the Republic of Angola has stated its aim to achieve 9,000 Megawatts of production by 2025, with particular priorities for hydrokinetic power generation.

Prinvest, having entered this industry in 2012, is a leader in hydrokinetic power generation. Its affiliates, CMN and Hydroquest design and manufacture special turbines for use in both rivers and the sea.

Under the terms of the MOU, Empresa Publica de Producao de Electricidade (“Prodel”) and Privinvest have committed to the creation of a joint venture company in Angola. It will be initially charged with the manufacture and operation of hydrokinetic farms in Angola. The workload will be split between Angola and France.

Prodel has agreed to purchase all the electrical output of the venture in Angola. Operations are expected to commence with the commissioning of 3 test sites, which will have a combined anticipated production output of at least 12 Megawatts. The first site is expected to be online in 2017.

Palomar Capital Advisers, affiliated to Privinvest, is mandated by the Government of Angola to structure the project financing. This financing will be guaranteed by the Republic of Angola.

Commenting on this new venture His Excellency Joao Baptista Borges, Minister of Energy & Water, said:

“Angola é um dos países do mundo com maior potencial hidrico por explorar. De facto, os seus abundantes cursos de água, permitem hoje, com a adopção de tecnologias acessíveis, projectar a electrificação a custos reduzidos e atingir as áreas rurais do vasto País que é Angola.

“A iniciativa de celebração do acordo com o Grupo PRIVINVEST, para a construção de turbinas hidrocínicas e montagem de parques electroprodutores, alinha com a estratégia do

Governo Angolano, que pretende garantir o acesso à electricidade a mais de 14 milhões de angolanos até 2025.

“Depositamos imensa confiança nesses acordo e na capacidade e experiencia dos nossos parceiros para transformarmos Angola numa referencia mundial, enquanto promotor de soluções de energias limpas e acessíveis.”

Commenting on this new venture, Chairman of CMN, Pierre Balmer, said:

“We are delighted that CMN’s proven manufacturing expertise will be leading on this exciting project. It is a technology that has the potential to revolutionise the energy supply market for Africa and beyond.”

Mr Jean-Francois Simon, Chairman of Hydroquest, added:

“The world is crying out for clean energy and with this project the Republic of Angola and Prinvest will be using this ground breaking technology.”

Mr Andrew Pearse, Chairman of Palomar Capital Advisors, commented:

“Palomar is pleased that it has been able to bring our proven expertise in structuring complex and innovative financing solutions to this exciting project in West Africa.”

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### **About Prinvest**

Prinvest, headquartered in the Middle East, has facilities and shipyards in a number of countries including France, Germany and the Middle East.

Its core areas of activities are the design and construction of naval and commercial vessels, the supply of integrated systems, support programs for naval fleets, the support and transfer of technology to countries wishing to develop their shipbuilding industry. Ancillary to its shipbuilding activities Prinvest is increasingly involved in the hydrokinetic and turbine industry.

Prinvest’s shipyards have delivered more than 2,000 vessels and its products are present in more than 40 navies around the world. Currently, besides a number of private customers, the Prinvest group is working for 6 major navies. Prinvest’s shipbuilding entities have consistently enjoyed export success and a strong order book from the group’s customers worldwide.