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## **ENEL CUORE DONATES VILLAGGIO DI OSCHIRI TO THE CHARITY "ORIZZONTI DI SPERANZA"**

*The complex will house a rehabilitation centre for disadvantaged young people. Enel Chairman Piero Gnudi handed over the keys of the complex to Don Luigi Delogu, President of the Association. A ceremony was held at the Vatican in the presence of the Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone.*

**Rome, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – Enel Cuore has donated the Villaggio di Oschiri to the not-for-profit organisation Orizzonti di Speranza, which will house a reception centre for young people. Today, at the Vatican, in the presence of Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Piero Gnudi, Chairman of Enel and of Enel Cuore, handed over the keys to the complex located in the Province of Olbia-Tempio, Sardinia, to Don Luigi Delogu, President of the Association. The complex will be fitted out as a residential rehabilitation centre with sheltered accommodation for disadvantaged young people who suffer with addiction or psychological problems, or who have been in trouble with the law. The Villaggio di Oschiri project, initiated by the association "Orizzonti di Speranza" was assessed positively by Enel Cuore, who see it as an asset for the island of Sardinia which, to date, has had to send 65% of such cases for care elsewhere in Italy.

The complex, consisting of 24 single-family units on two floors, a hall that was used as a cinema, a multi-purpose building on three levels and an ex-school building, was originally built in the 1950s and, until the 1990s, was used to accommodate the families of Enel employees working at the adjacent Coghinis hydroelectric power station.

Once the complex has been suitably modernised, it will be equipped to offer residential facilities to some 160 young people who will follow special highly innovative programmes designed to help them rebuild their lives, using a holistic approach that includes educational and psychological assistance on both human and spiritual levels.

Oschiri has the potential to become a benchmark for action aimed at the **prevention** of social exclusion for the entire region of Sardinia. The location of the village and its adjoining land is particularly suitable for combining educational and rehabilitation programmes with the experience of a working and family life. The land around the village can be used for agricultural purposes such as growing fruit and vegetables and for vineyards and livestock units. Vocational training can be delivered in the workshops for woodwork, restoration work and other crafts, plus there will be courses in culture and the arts and opportunities for sporting activities.

**Enel Cuore**

*Enel Cuore is the not-for-profit organisation founded by Enel in 2003 with the aim of launching social solidarity initiatives, both in Italy and overseas. All the projects backed by the association, in partnership with other associations, NGOs, institutions and the voluntary sector in general, are of a tangible, practical and measurable nature, focussing on specific areas, such as social and health assistance, opportunities for disadvantaged people, particularly for the young and the old, and education in the form of building schools and training centres in developing countries. Enel Cuore pays special attention to people with disabilities, supporting socialisation and integration projects, mainly through sport. Between 2009 and today, Enel Cuore allocated funds worth some 40 million euro and completed 431 projects in Italy and overseas.*

**Associazione Orizzonti di Speranza**

*The not-for-profit association "Orizzonti di Speranza", which owes its existence to the encouragement of Monsignor Sergio Pintor, Bishop of Ozieri, and to the enthusiasm of a group of young people, together with some priests, is committed to an action campaign to reach out to and mentor young people currently leading miserable lives, blighted by social exclusion and marginalisation, in all its various forms, helping them to regain their place in society. The not-for-profit association, inspired by the values of the Gospels and Christian Humanism, is presided over by Don Luigi Delogu a priest from the diocese of Ozieri and lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Catechesis at the Papal Faculty of Theology in Sardinia.*