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ENEL GREEN POWER, AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF BOLZANO AND TIS TEAM UP FOR INNOVATION

- *Memorandum of understanding signed to promote innovative, sustainable projects in the renewable industry*
- *EGP's first "Green Innovation Point" will be established at TIS technology park. Objectives are local development as well as promotion of resident academic and business skills in the study, testing and industrialisation of new technologies for renewables.*

Rome-Bolzano, September 29th, 2012 –Enel Green Power, the Department of Innovation, Research, Development and Cooperatives of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano and TIS - Techno Innovation Park today signed a three-year memorandum of understanding to promote technological innovation in power generation from renewables.

The agreement is intended to stimulate the development, testing and dissemination of innovative technologies throughout the Province of Bolzano, which has long paid close attention to sustainability issues, thanks to the expertise of Enel Green Power, a global player in the field of renewable generation, and TIS, an innovation hub where successful business experiences join forces with the expertise of three university centres of excellence: those of Trento, Bolzano and Innsbruck.

The three parties will be able to cooperate in carrying out training, applied research and consultancy programmes for the introduction and development of know-how in the field of innovative technologies in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, with regards, among other things, to small hydro plants and biomass generation facilities, distributed micro-generation, storage, as well as the creation, design and operation of demo programmes and the development of energy islands and isolated systems.

EGP will set up a "Green Innovation Point" at TIS to share ideas, projects, products and services for which partnerships with local businesses and academic institutions can be developed.

"A virtuous cycle will be initiated in Alto Adige, for the benefit of a territory, and above all, a community that has always been attentive to sustainability," stated **Francesco Starace**, CEO of Enel Green Power, *"This in an initiative that aims to spread the use of renewable sources through the testing and distribution of cutting-edge technologies, something to which EGP has always been committed."*

"The presence of Enel Green Power at TIS enables businesses in Alto Adige to interact with a global leader, gain expertise in innovative technologies, access a network of

*excellence,” stated **Roberto Bizzo**, Councilor for Innovation, Research, Development and Co-operatives for the Autonomous Province of Bolzano. “Combining the strengths of our territory with the most advanced international developments: this is a strategy that can serve as a model for the new Technology Park of Bolzano.”*

Hubert Hofer, Director General of TIS (Techno Innovation Park), highlighted *“The role of TIS in technology transfer, renewable energy being one of its strengths. TIS will provide and coordinate its local business contacts network.”*

About Enel Green Power

Enel Green Power is the Enel Group company fully dedicated to the development and management of renewable energy sources at the international level, with operations in Europe and the Americas. The company generated 22.5 billion kWh in 2011 from water, sun, wind and the Earth’s heat - enough to meet the energy needs of more than 8 million households and avoid the emission of over 16 million tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. Enel Green Power is a world leader thanks to its well-balanced generation mix, providing generation volumes well over the sector average. The Company has an installed capacity of over 7,500 MW from a mix of sources including wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, and biomass. Currently, EGP has over 680 operational plants in 16 countries in Europe and the Americas.

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