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#### President of the Republic lays the first stone of the Hera power station

The Head of State, Dr. José Ramos-Horta, laid on Friday the first stone for the construction of the heavy oil power station in Hera. The Prime Minister, Xanana Gusmão, and the President of the National Parliament, Fernando “La Sama” de Araújo, among other individualities and many other guests and citizens, took part of this ceremony.

The contract was signed on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between the Government of Timor-Leste and the company China Nuclear Industry 22nd Construction Co. Ltd. This project will cover 630 kilometers and comprise part of the 13 districts, aiming to provide high powered electricity of 110 KV.

The stations will be located in Hera/Manatuto (120 MW) and Betano/Same (60 MW), furnished in compliance with the Chinese standards.

There will be a few 110/20 KV substations in Dili, Manatuto, Baucau, Lospalos, Viqueque, Same, Suai, Maliana and Liquiçá.

Electric power will be provided to the whole country, with a future planning of connecting the system to neighboring countries.

The US\$360.000.000 contract comprehends 91 millions for the stations and other facilities, and almost 270 millions for wiring, substations and other facilities.

Three million US dollars per year (during five years, amounting to 15 millions) will be provided for the stations management and operation, as well as for professional training.

According to the contract, the construction works are scheduled for conclusion by December 31st, 2011. An environmental impact assessment will be undertaken on a regular basis, namely by monitoring the emission of potential pollutant (smoke and/or leakage) in compliance with the limits established by the Kyoto Protocol.

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