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National Electric Coordinator (Coordinador Eléctrico Nacional) publishes call for International Public Tender for the construction of the New HVDC Project Kimal – Lo Aguirre

(Santiago, February 1st, 2021). The National Electric Coordinator published this Monday the call for International Public Tender for the award of the execution and exploitation rights of the New HVDC Project Kimal - Lo Aguirre.

The initiative is part of the Transmission Expansion Decree No. 231/2019 for New Works, promulgated in September 2019, and partially modified in September 2020 by Exempt Decree No. 163/2020, both from the Ministry of Energy.

This transmission project consists of the development of a 1,500-kilometer bipolar direct current transmission system with a dedicated metallic return and two AC/DC converter stations, located in the vicinity of the existing Kimal and Lo Aguirre Substations, in the Antofagasta and Metropolitan regions, respectively.

The New HVDC Project Kimal – Lo Aguirre will be the first of its kind in direct current (HVDC) in Chile, constituting an enabling factor of the decarbonization process within the framework of the goals for the country to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, in the benefit of power grid that is secure and resilient against the potential effects of climate change.

Interested parties may acquire the Bidding Terms and Conditions and enroll in the Register of Participants, as Chilean or foreign legal entities, and may participate individually or as part of a consortium or association, complying with the forms and requirements established in the General Law of Electrical Services and in the Bidding Terms and Conditions.

The Bidding Terms and Conditions and the Participant Acquisition and Registration Instructive will be available on the Coordinator's website as of February 1st, 2021 through the following link:

<https://www.coordinador.cl/desarrollo/documentos/licitaciones/nuevas/hvdc>