

TERNA AND ANIE: THE FIRST AGREEMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT IN BUILDING SITES

Rome, November 21, 2012 – Reducing as much as possible the environmental impact of the activities in building sites as well as effectively and safely managing material and energy resources used. This is the objective of the Document signed today in Rome by Luigi Roth, Terna's Chairman, the company that manages the national electricity transmission grid and by Claudio Andrea Gemme, President of Anie, the Federation that joins the leading companies in the electro-technical and electronic sector".

The agreement signed by Terna and Anie - entitled "*Environmental safety management in building sites for activities on the HV national electricity grid* – identifies the guidelines for properly managing the environmental aspects in working activities along the HV national electricity grid, namely, the building sites for building and maintaining power stations and buried or overhead power lines. Terna currently has work in progress for building infrastructures for a value of 3 billion euros: 150 building sites opened across the country, 750 businesses and 4,000 workers involved. A concrete commitment for supporting growth and development that daily involves all of Terna's staff; for its personnel, the company carries out every year important training programs that in 2011 alone included 180,000 hours of training, over 60,000 of which focused on safety and security issues.

In particular, the Document was drafted on a voluntary basis and intends to find solutions for minimizing any negative impact on the territory, using energy resources and raw materials efficiently and rationally, limiting waste production with management that is increasingly focused on their recovery and disposal, preventing any type of atmospheric pollution and avoiding contamination of soil and water. Solutions will also be found for properly controlling acoustic emissions, protecting the landscape and the vegetation and respecting the environmental regulations also in a stricter way compared to law provisions. Terna and Anie are also committed to training and creating an awareness among workers, contractors and suppliers and to adopting proper conduct in respecting the territory they work in.

"By signing this Document – commented Luigi Roth – Terna and Anie have jointly undertaken a shared pathway that recognizes environmental respect as an essential element in the company's management and in its working activities in building sites. We are very pleased with this agreement that as of today represents the first of its kind to be signed for type and objectives: Terna has always pursued and will continue to pursue its commitment toward a strategy based on sustainable development".

"Environment and safety - commented Claudio Andrea Gemme - have always been two key words for Anie's policies. But I feel that an agreement such as the one we have signed today also has an added value: it allows protecting a virtuous system that on one hand is represented by Terna and on the other, by the Confindustria Anie associated companies and that is formed by operators that act properly on the market and that as of today are committed to doing so even more responsibly."

The Document signed today is part of a broader collaboration project between Terna and Anie that have created various groups of experts for organizing safety in building sites, for work methods and the use of equipment and machinery for specific activities to be carried out on power lines.