

## **TERNA, DEMOLITION BEGINS ON THREE POWER LINES IN THE ROTONDA AREA, IN THE PROVINCE OF POTENZA**

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**Rome, 11 October 2022** – Terna, the Italian national electricity grid operator, has begun demolishing three power lines within the municipality of Rotonda, in the province of Potenza.

The work — a short stretch of which will also affect the municipalities of Laino Borgo and Laino Castello in the province of Cosenza — will involve the removal of around 10 km of overhead power lines overall, with a total of 30 supports: 14 support and around 4 km for the 220 kV “Terranova-Rotonda” line; 6 supports and over 2 km of conductors for the 220 kV “Rotonda-Mercure 1” line; and, finally, 10 supports and over 3 km of conductors for the 150 kV “Rotonda-Lauria” line.

The demolitions take place in the wake of the “Rotonda-Lauria” underground cable, which is over 5 km in length, entering operation last August. The connection was made using latest-generation cables with XLPE insulation, a more efficient and advanced technology that requires little maintenance.

The works, which will affect densely populated areas and will bring many benefits for the countryside and the urban landscape involved, are part of the wider plan to rationalise the High-Voltage grid in the Pollino Nature Park, one of the largest protected areas in Italy.

The Plan, for which Terna has planned to invest around €35 million, will allow the removal of around 50 km of existing lines and no fewer than 170 supports from inside the Park area once activities have been completed.