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TERNA: THREE NEW UNDERGROUND POWER LINES FOR THE RI.MED CENTRE IN CARINI, IN THE PROVINCE OF PALERMO

The construction of the new connections will free up the site of the new Ri.MED Foundation Research Centre

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Rome, 3 November 2022 – Terna has commenced works to construct three 150 kV underground power lines connected to the “Carini” primary cabin in the province of Palermo. The new connections designed by the Italian grid operator will free up the site earmarked for the construction of the new Biomedical Research and Biotechnology Centre of the Ri.MED Foundation (BRBC) in the municipality of Carini.

Once the new connections - which will be entirely underground - are operational, Terna will remove three overhead power lines for a total of around 2 km and 9 pylons, freeing up large areas of land in a densely populated residential area.

The works will be completed by Terna in 2023.

In October 2021 the Region of Sicily authorised the construction of another two underground power lines, also in the Carini area, which will help to meet the electricity demand in the area affected by the project, improving service quality and adapting the local network to the growing demand for electricity.

“In terms of strategic relevance and investment, the construction of the BRBC is of extreme importance for Sicily and the entire Mediterranean area, representing a fantastic opportunity for the region, also from the point of view of infrastructure,” declared Paolo Aquilanti, Chairman of Ri.MED Foundation. “The removal of existing overhead power lines and the construction of new underground connections is a major project for reducing environmental impacts, particularly with regard to visual and landscape impact. This, along with the necessary road infrastructure projects to improve the area's connections, represents an improvement project linked directly to the presence of our centre, which will benefit the entire region.”

Carini is seeing a succession of new buildings appear for the Ri.MED Foundation's research campus, which will join the new ISMETT hospital, a centre of excellence for research and treatment that will enable the creation of hundreds of jobs for qualified personnel and generate a considerable economic boost.