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ENGIE Energy Access Lights Up Rural Population of Benin with Inauguration of First Mini-Grid in Dohouè

ENGIE Energy Access has inaugurated today its first mini-grid in Dohouè, a village in the South of Benin.

The Dohouè MySol Grid, powered by 135 kWp of solar panels and supported by 130 kWh of Lithium-ion batteries, connects over 1,500 residents and businesses to sustainable energy solutions.

In partnership with the Beninese Agency for Rural Electrification and Energy Management (ABERME), ENGIE Energy Access has secured a 20-year license agreement, underlining its commitment to long-term, impactful development.

This electrification milestone promises enhanced economic prospects for the local community, providing access to income-generating activities and fostering financial inclusion.

Gillian-Alexandre Huart, CEO of ENGIE Energy Access commented: *"Our comprehensive offering across solar home systems and mini-grids in Benin enables a cost-effective and adaptable multi-technological approach. Therefore, we can meet the various urgent needs of residential, communal, and productive users living outside the national grid."* He added. *"We are committed to making clean energy technologies accessible to low-income households, promoting inclusivity and empowerment within each member of the communities we serve."*

Christelle Agossou, Country Director of ENGIE Energy Access Benin, affirmed the company's forward-looking vision, stating, *"Looking towards the future, ENGIE Energy Access is constructing and will operate 20 additional mini-grids across the country." These mini-grids, co-financed by the Millennium Challenge Account - Benin II programme as part of the Off-grid Clean Energy Facility (OCEF), will collectively deliver 1.2 MW of installed capacity, illuminating the lives of more than 30,000 people across 20 rural localities."*

This project will accelerate energy access solutions in Benin where ENGIE Energy Access is bringing light and sustainable electricity to already more than 1,500,000 people

ENGIE Energy Access BENIN currently has over 200 employees, 1000 independent sales agents, and more than 100 points of presence across the country, dedicated to providing exceptional customer experience with high-quality products and services.

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ENGIE Energy Access is the leading Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) and mini-grids solutions provider in Africa. The company develops innovative, off-grid solar solutions for homes, public services and businesses, enabling customers and distribution partners access to clean, affordable energy. The PAYGO solar home systems are financed through affordable instalments and the mini-grids foster economic development by enabling electrical productive use and triggering business opportunities for entrepreneurs in rural communities. With over 1,800 employees, operations in nine countries across Africa (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia), 2.5 million customers and more than 12.5 million lives impacted so far, ENGIE Energy Access aims to impact 20 million lives across Africa by 2025.

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