

KICKOFF MADE FOR THE POWER GRID CONNECTION BY SUBMARINE CABLES FROM PUNTA GUATRAL TO ISLA HUAR



The Regional Governor of the Chilean Los Lagos Administrative Region, Jaime Brahm, signed this Monday, 28 October 2013, the launching of the project for the construction of a submarine cable 5 kilometers long that is to provide electric power supplies from the Central Chile Interconnected Grid System (the SIC Grid) to Isla Huar in the Municipal District of Calbuco.

The grid connection kickoff ceremony was held at the Los Lagos Administrative Region Regional Government building in Puerto Montt.

The ceremony was attended by the Regional Government and the mayor of Calbuco, Rubén Cárdenas, the manager of the power and light utility company SAESA, Francisco Alliende, and representatives of the **International Consortium SOB**, made up of the companies **BENTOS, OMM and SESELEC**, which was named the awardee of the project on a turnkey basis.

The installation of this submarine cable that requires an investment outlay of 2.6 billion Chilean pesos is being financed by the National Regional Development Fund (FNDR) with the use of resources of the Energization Provision of the Undersecretariat of Regional and Administrative Development (SUBDERE) and will benefit more than 500 families by improving power and light supplies on the island. This will involve placing at the disposal of the community the advantages of having permanent electric power supplies in place to rely on.

The laying of the submarine cable is to be materialized in 280 days.

The Regional Governor keynoted that, "The experience of the installation of this cable will make it possible to extend it to the undertaking of another important challenge, namely the interconnection of the central Chile Grid System to the Chiloé area islands that presently have diesel generator based power supplies only".

For further information on the member companies of the SOB Consortium, visit the following company web sites:

- SESELEC: www.seselec.mx
- OFFSHORE MARINE MANAGEMENT: www.offshorem.com
- BENTOS: www.bentos.cl

