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ENEL CHILE OBTIENE CRÉDITO POR US$150 MILLONES

Enel Chile gets syndicated loan a year after reorganisation

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Winston & Strawn LLP in New York and Carey in Santiago have helped electricity company Enel Chile obtain a US$150 million syndicated credit agreement from Canadian, Japanese and Spanish banks.

The lenders, BBVA, Scotiabank Chile and Mizuho, relied on Garrigues (Chile). Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York is thought to have provided international counsel to the banks, but this could not be confirmed prior to publication.

The credit agreement provides for two loans of up to US$100 million and 34 billion Chilean pesos (US$48.6 million) combined.

Enel will use the funds for general corporate purposes.

Enel Chile carried out its second reorganisation in two years last year. The power company retained Carey and Winston & Strawn for that process, which was worth US$3.8 billion and saw it increase its stake in Enel Generación Chile and merge with renewables company Enel Green Power Latin America. Garrigues and David Polk were hired by Enel Green Power Latin América and the lenders.

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