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Press Release

GO15 Reliable and Sustainable Power Grids and GCCIA to jointly organize 2nd International GO15 Forum in Dubai

For the first time in the Arab World and Middle East, the GO15 organization, the World's 18 largest power grid operators that serve 3.5 billion consumers globally, will hold its 2nd Forum on November 11th, 2015, at Intercontinental Festival City, Dubai, after its Annual Meeting hosted by GCC Interconnection Authority (GCCIA).

The announcement comes on the heels of the GCC Interconnection Authority officially joining the GO15 Reliable and Sustainable Power Grids in September of last year.

GO15 is a unique joint initiative of 18 of the largest power grid operators around the world that provides a forum for their top executives and experts to address current challenges and the future of power grids. This event will regroup over 120 world leaders from the electricity industry, including grid operators, government representatives, regulators as ICER (International Confederation of Energy Regulators), leaders of major international industry associations, industry experts and major suppliers.

The first International GO15 Forum was held last year in Guangzhou, China, marking the 10th anniversary of GO15. Dubai's event will include two panels addressing two key issues: 'Reliable integration of distributed resources in the Power Grids' and 'Flexibility of Power Grids'.

"We are delighted that this global Forum is being held in the region, specifically in the UAE. This reinforces once again the frontline position of the Gulf in the energy industry," says Alain Steven, GO15's Secretary General. "Participants last year shared their observations and actions about the impact of a changing energy-mix in their respective countries. This year, the debates will be focused on distributed energy resources, innovation and best practices for a reliable and efficient integration of clean and renewable energy." says Daniel Dobbeni, GO15's President.

"This global forum we are hosting will give an exceptional platform to discuss how to best achieve the sustainability goals of governments around the world, while providing reliable power grids. It will open channels for best partnerships and collaborations, review challenges, and give updated insights into various topics related to electricity," said Ahmed Al Ebrahim, CEO of GCC Interconnection Authority (GCCIA).

The theme of the 2nd GO15 Forum is "Power Grids and the challenges of climate change". At the conclusion of the Forum, the GO15 CEOs will issue a declaration on their commitment to enable the transition to the changing power mix while maintaining a reliable and resilient power grid at an affordable cost to consumers.