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# Media Release

## Allianz acquires first subsidy free solar project in Iberia

- First investment in solar farm without public subsidies in Portugal
- Energy for 23,000 households per year
- Power Purchase Agreement in place

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Allianz Capital Partners on behalf of Allianz insurance companies has closed today the acquisition of the 46 megawatt (MW) Ourika project (“Ourika”) in Portugal. The solar farm is fully operational and has been developed by the WElink Group (“WElink”).

More than 50% of Portugal’s energy comes from wind, solar and hydro and it ranks sixth highest amongst EU nations. Ourika is located in Southern Portugal, around 170km south-east of Lisbon. This 46.1 MW project is capable of producing enough renewable electricity for approximately 23,000 average households of the region per year.

Ourika has entered into a 20 year fixed price power purchase agreement (PPA).

Ourika is a pioneering project at Iberian level and will be one of the first large solar power plants in operation that has no guaranteed tariff supported by taxpayers, but rather relies on a corporate PPA.

“We are delighted to partner with the experienced developer WElink on this project, which is our first investment in a solar project in Portugal. Ourika is a very valuable ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance)-conform addition to our climate-friendly portfolio, which now exceeds 90 solar farms and wind parks. This investment proves the importance of renewable energies for the investment portfolio of Allianz being one of the leading European investors in

this sector. We hope to invest in more subsidy free solar projects across many European markets in the future and look forward to further projects with WElink or other experienced counterparties.” says Marc Groves-Raines, Head of Renewables at Allianz Capital Partners.

Barry O’Neill, CEO of WElink Group, says: “This acquisition agreement represents an important strategic milestone for WElink Energy. We are extremely pleased to close this transaction with Allianz Capital Partners. It cements our transition to becoming a leading international power producer. Ourika is the first project in an ambitious investment programme for WElink and working together with our partner China Triumph International Engineering Company in core markets in Southern Europe. Ourika will be followed by the Solara4 project in Portugal due for completion in Q3 2019”.

With the 8th solar farm investment, Allianz investments in the renewable energy sector exceed 90 renewables projects, with a total of 83 wind parks and 8 solar farms located in Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Sweden and the United States. The wind and solar parks of Allianz generate enough renewable energy to supply over a million households, which is comparable to a city the size of central Paris.

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