



CHANGES IN SENIOR MANAGEMENT

São Luís, June 7, 2006 - Equatorial Energia (Bovespa: EQTL11), the holding company of the electricity distributor of the State of Maranhão (CEMAR – *Companhia Energética do Maranhão*), today announced changes in the senior management of the Company and its subsidiary.

Mr. Leonardo Duarte Dias was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Head of Investor Relations of Equatorial Energia and CEMAR. Mr. Carlos Augusto Leone Piani remains as CEO of CEMAR and as a Director of Equatorial, and is no longer combining the duties of CFO for both companies.

Prior to joining Equatorial Energia and CEMAR, Mr. Dias worked for nine years in different companies in the telecommunications sector, as a controller and as head of financial planning and investor relations. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Brasília (UnB) and an MBA from the School of Business and Public Management (SBPM) at The George Washington University (GWU).

According to Mr. Octavio Lopes, CEO of Equatorial Energia and Chairman of the Board of Directors of CEMAR, "this new addition confirms our strong commitment to the development and maintenance of a highly qualified management team, which will continue to pursue improvements within our established values and principles".

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