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NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Maranhão Approves State Benefit for Residential Consumers

Yesterday, the Maranhão State Legislature approved a state bill granting special credit of R\$65.8 million to the State Social Development Fund. Among other matters, the funds will be used to create the *Viva Luz* Program.

Viva Luz will benefit around 500,000 residential consumers in Maranhão (approximately 30% of the state total) who consume up to 50kWh per month by exempting them from payment of their electricity bills. Program expenditure in 2010 is estimated at R\$49 million.

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