**ANPG, Azule Energy and partners in Block 18 deliver school for 720 students to the Government of Huambo**

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**Luanda, 14 March 2024 –** The National Agency of Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels (ANPG), Azule Energy and partners in Block 18 (Sinopec and Sonangol), delivered a school to the Provincial Government of Huambo and the Provincial Directorate of Education. The school is located in the Dango neighborhood, Municipality of Huambo.

The infrastructure, which was financed by the Block 18 oil concession, is a new build estimated at US$747,000. It is part of an initiative focused on promoting access to education, contributing to the improvement of the quality of education, through the provision of decent school infrastructures and, essentially, the reduction of the illiteracy and school dropout rate in Huambo.

ANPG, Azule Energy and Block 18 partners expect that approximately 720 children will benefit from the school shortening their distances to attend classes.

Adriano Mongini, Azule Energy CEO, stated that “In Azule, we believe that investing in education is investing in the future. The delivery of this school is a testament to our commitment to sustainable development and the communities we serve”.

The project was approved for implementation in 2022/2023 and it is a visible example of the long-term commitment that Azule Energy, ANPG and its partners have towards the social and educational development of Angola. The partnership with the NGO Rise Angola further strengthens the positive impact of this action, providing additional support for its implementation and sustainability.

**About Azule:**

A Azule Energy is an independent joint venture officially established on 1 August 2022, which combines the business of bp and Eni in Angola. Azule Energy is Angola's largest net oil and gas producer, holding 2 billion barrels of oil equivalent in liquid resources and expects to increase to about 250,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boe/d) of its own production over the next 5 years.

The company has interests in 20 licenses (8 are exploration blocks), participation in Angola LNG and is the Operator of the New Gas Consortium. Azule Energy also took over Eni's stake in Solenova, a jointly owned solar company with Sonangol, and the collaboration in the Luanda Refinery.

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