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COPEL is ranked the best energy company in Latin America again

The North-American economy magazine Global Finance once again ranks COPEL the best company in Latin America in the electric power and service sector considering 2005 indicators.

Copel's CEO, Rubens Ghilardi, was very pleased with the magazine's announcement confirming the award, for him it is a demonstration of confidence in the Company's management. "We continue being the best Latin American Company in our sector according to the unbiased opinion of international financial market analysts and expert observers consulted by the magazine" he stated.

To Ghilardi, the credit for this award must go to Copel's employees, "untiring in the execution of their daily mission to consolidate the company as a benchmark in the sector in all criteria".

The Global Finance magazine has been published for 18 years and is headquartered in New York, having more than 50 thousand subscribers and over 250 thousand readers in 158 countries. Every year, the magazine carries out an analysis to rank and classify the best companies in the world in several sectors, evaluating them according to standards which encompass indicators obtained in different dimensions of corporate life.

Sincerely,

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