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Construction of the Mauá Hydroelectric Plant begins this week

Yesterday, July 21, Consórcio Energético Cruzeiro do Sul, comprising Copel and Eletrosul, issued a service order to the building consortium responsible for implanting the Mauá Hydroelectric Plant on the Tibagi River between the municipalities of Telêmaco Borba and Ortigueira, in the central region of the State of Paraná. Initial procedures include cleaning, leveling and organizing the site and installing the workers' accommodation.

The edict that conditioned the plant's installation on the carrying out of an integrated environmental study of the entire Tibagi River Basin was suspended following an order issued by the Chief Justice of the Federal Appeal Court on Friday, July 18.

Curitiba, July 22, 2008

Sincerely,
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