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IBERDROLA AND THE CDTI INVEST 500.000 EUROS IN THE SALAMANCA COMPANY ARBÓREA INTELLBIRD

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- **This technological investment is part of the INNVIERTE program and highlights the commitment of IBERDROLA and the CDTI to the promotion of innovative projects that promote a change in the productive model to achieve a more sustainable society**

IBERDROLA and the Center for Industrial Technological Development (CDTI), an agency under the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, today signed an agreement with the Salamanca company Arbórea Intellbird, S.L. through which both entities will invest, in two tranches, 500,000 euros in the aforementioned company.

This operation, the first investment in the framework of the INNVIERTE program that is carried out in the area of Energy and Environment, involves the entry into the capital of Arbórea de IBERDROLA, through the Perseo fund, and the CDTI, through the INNVIERTE program, with the objective of promoting the development of this company and consolidating it within its sector.

In this regard, it should be remembered that IBERDROLA has signed an agreement with this body through which they will jointly invest more than 25 million euros in new technologies for the energy sector.

Arbórea Intellbird, S.L., a company based in the Scientific Park of the University of Salamanca, is focused on the manufacture of unmanned aerial vehicles for various professional uses, among which the inspection of infrastructure for the production and distribution of electricity. Its first product, the Eol6 *Aracnóptero*, is a multi-rotor folding helicopter intended for the inspection of wind turbine blades.

The *Aracnocóptero*, together with its associated *software* platform, makes it possible to increase the efficiency of wind turbine maintenance inspections, reducing downtimes and achieving a level of detail far superior to that of traditional inspection methods.

This technological investment is part of the commitment of IBERDROLA and the CDTI with the promotion of entrepreneurship and the industrial fabric in Spain and responds to their efforts to promote innovative projects that promote a change in the productive model to achieve a more sustainable society.

IBERDROLA, committed to entrepreneurs

The INNVIERTE program has as its main objective to promote, through public-private venture capital, the start-up and consolidation of innovative and technology-based companies, with high growth potential.

IBERDROLA participates in this program since 2012, after being selected thanks to its experience in venture capital initiatives through the Perseo fund, created by the Company to invest in sustainable leading technologies in the energy sector, such as marine energies or systems related to Energy efficiency.

Perseo, launched in 2008, has an annual budget of 6 million euros to invest in technological advances that guarantee that the Group will continue to be at the forefront in the energy field, through its access to the most advanced electrical technologies.

IBERDROLA, which through this program invests directly in technological start-ups in the field of energy, has already allocated more than 25 million euros in new projects focused on energy efficiency, marine energy and CO₂ capture.

Perseo is part of the I+D+i strategy of IBERDROLA, an area to which it has allocated 145 million euros during 2012, which represents an increase of 6.6% over the previous year and a figure that has made it the most innovative Spanish utility and the fifth in Europe, according to the ranking prepared by the European Commission.

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