

PORTUGUESE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FORESTRY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT INAUGURATES PEDRÓGÃO CHANNEL AND SÃO PEDRO DAM

18th March 2014

It will be inaugurated on March 22nd, Saturday, World Water Day, at 10:30 a.m., São Pedro Dam and Pedrogão Channel in a ceremony presided by the Portuguese Secretary of State for Forestry and Rural Development, Francisco Gomes da Silva.

Pedrogão Channel / Right Margin, with about 8 500 meters long, connects Pedrogão reservoir to São Pedro Dam, located near the settlement of Baleizão.

São Pedro Dam, with a maximum height of 24 meters, has a crown with 753 meters long with 7 meters wide and creates a reservoir with a capacity of 10 million and 800 thousand cubic meters. As exploration and security tools it has input circuits, a water intake, an ecological flow and surface and bottom discharges.

The input circuit, the one that allows you to receive water from the Pedrogão reservoir, will be open during the ceremony, marking thus the conclusion of the works and the operationalization of the infrastructure.

São Pedro Dam will be responsible for irrigate three important blocks of Pedrogão Sub System, including the blocks of São Matias, São Pedro / Baleizão and Baleizão / Quintos, equipped with two pumping stations and totaling 20 thousand hectares of irrigated land.

São Pedro dam and Pedrogão Channel / Right Margin represented an investment of € 20,986,000.00, € 17,487,000.00 co-financed by the Cohesion Fund, POVT, Territorial Enhancement Thematic Operational Programme.

These two infrastructures integrate Pedrogão Hydraulic Circuit / Right Margin of Alqueva Multi-purpose Project.