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Powering the future of Thailand: EGI hosts an event on energy transition challenges and solutions in Southeast Asia to mark the opening of the new Bangkok office.

Bangkok: **Elia Grid International** (EGI) hosted a high-level stakeholder event in Bangkok on the occasion of the opening of its new local office to discuss the challenges and solutions of the energy transition in Thailand. The event marks the beginning of EGI's ambitions to expand its footprint in Southeast Asia. The occasion was organized in collaboration with the Belgian Embassy in Thailand, the Thai Embassy in Belgium, and the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC).

With the honorary presence of His excellency Mr. Arsa Sarasin, government officials, industry stakeholders, and top energy experts converged at the event to discuss Thailand's energy transition. The event aimed to share knowledge and expertise on all aspects of such a vast transformation, drawing on Elia Group's longstanding experience. The discussion centered on how this knowledge could be applied to energy projects in Thailand and the wider Southeast Asian region. Markus Berger, Chief Infrastructure Officer at Elia and Chairman of EGI, shared his thoughts on the challenges of developing strategic infrastructure in an increasingly complex power system while balancing new technologies with aging assets. Attendees also shared their ideas, making the event a valuable exchange of insights and opportunities.

Southeast Asia is facing an important turning point in its energy sector as it is aiming to meet the growing demand for electricity while reducing carbon emissions, targeting "Carbon Neutrality" by 2050 and "Net Zero Emissions" by 2065. Achieving this ambitious transformation will require significant investments in infrastructure, efficient grid planning, innovative business models, and the implementation of advanced technologies. EGI, the global consultancy arm of Elia in Belgium and 50Hertz in Germany, two of Europe's leading Transmission System Operators (TSOs), is well-positioned to offer valuable advice and guidance.

Thailand's central location in Southeast Asia's extensive network makes it an ideal location for EGI to leverage its expertise. To establish a stronger local presence in the region and gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges, EGI opened a new office in Bangkok. By doing so, EGI aims to bring its services closer to its local clients and offer targeted solutions that address the energy transition challenges facing the region.

"We are thrilled to establish a solid presence in Thailand and expand our operations in Southeast Asia," says Didier Wiot, CEO of Elia Grid International. "We believe that our extensive expertise and experience can make a positive impact on the country's energy transition, on the society, and on the environment. Working closely with the government and other industry stakeholders, we aim to identify the key challenges and propose innovative solutions for a sustainable energy future."

"EGI is committed to being a reliable partner in addressing the energy challenges in the region," says Frédéric Van Cauteren, Head of Business Development at EGI. "We strongly believe that Thailand's strategic location at the center of the region's energy network, much like Belgium's position in Europe, makes it an ideal location for our expertise. We also see great potential for Thailand's expanding renewables market to benefit from the German experience of integrating a large share of renewables into the grid. EGI is grateful to all the guests who participated in the event and looks forward to collaborating in the future."

About: Elia Grid International:-

Elia Grid International (EGI) is a global consultancy company specialised in complex power system challenges. Our multidisciplinary team of experts offers strategic, technical, and regulatory advice in all fields related to power transmission, as well as a range of specialist solutions. We are an international company with offices in Abu Dhabi, Bangkok, Berlin, Brussels, Calgary, and Riyadh, and we have been delivering projects in over 20 countries worldwide.

EGI is part of Elia Group, one of Europe's top five transmission system operators and a key player in the European energy market and interconnected electricity system. Elia Group is also an industry-renowned specialist in building interconnectors and integrating renewable energy generation. Please visit Eliagrid-int.com and Eliagroup.com.

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