

## **SPL Powerlines UK Expands into Energy Infrastructure Market**

**SPL Powerlines UK has officially entered the UK and Ireland's energy infrastructure market, marking an exciting new chapter in the company's growth and diversification strategy.**

Building on its strong track record in rail electrification - one of the most highly regulated industries in the UK - SPL Powerlines UK is transferring its specialist capabilities, rigorous safety standards, and disciplined project delivery approach into another highly regulated sector: energy infrastructure.

The company is extending its expertise into the delivery of high-voltage energy projects, including grid connections and substation works, and has now achieved NERS (National Electricity Registration Scheme) accreditation - a key industry standard recognising competence and compliance for Independent Connection Providers (ICPs) working on UK power networks.

This strategic expansion positions SPL Powerlines UK to support the UK and Ireland's transition to a low-carbon energy future, leveraging its proven engineering excellence, robust safety culture, and collaborative approach to deliver complex infrastructure solutions with precision and reliability.

"Our entry into the energy sector is a natural evolution for SPL Powerlines UK," said Martin Hawley, Managing Director. "Having developed our expertise in one of the most tightly regulated sectors – rail - we're well placed to apply that same discipline, safety focus, and technical capability to energy. With our NERS accreditation and highly skilled in-house delivery team, we're ready to play a leading role in enabling the energy transition and strengthening power networks across the UK and Ireland."

"Based on our extensive experience in the energy sector in Europe, expanding into the UK and Irish market is a logical and strategic step for us," added Berthold Bartsch, Powerlines CEO. "For decades, we've successfully delivered large-scale high-voltage transmission projects and collaborated with major grid operators in Austria and Germany. This proven track record enables us to transfer our knowledge seamlessly into the UK and Ireland - diversifying our services while maintaining the high standards of engineering and safety that define our success."

### **About SPL Powerlines UK**

SPL Powerlines UK, a Powerlines Group company, is a leading UK overhead line electrification specialist, delivering high-quality infrastructure solutions to help shape the future of rail transport. Through innovation, safety, and sustainability, we are powering the journey to a greener and more connected network.

### **About Powerlines Group**

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Powerlines builds the future networks for rail, energy and e-mobility. The Group implements complex overhead and transmission line construction projects for international customers and provides innovative charging infrastructure solutions. The Powerlines Group is one of Europe's leading providers of infrastructure electrification solutions. The electrification of public transport systems is the basis of decarbonisation and thus the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in transport. The construction and expansion of energy transmission infrastructure is paving the way for the energy transition. The Powerlines Group has its headquarters in Lower Austria and local subsidiaries in Central and Northern Europe. The Group employs over 1,370 people. In the 2024 financial year it generated a turnover of EUR 440 million. The Powerlines Group is an Equans France company.

#### **About Equans and Equans France**

Equans, a subsidiary of the Bouygues group, is a global leader in the energy and services sector.

In France, Equans France draws on its historic brands Ineo, Axima, and Bouygues Energies & Services and its strong local presence to support businesses, local authorities, and industries in meeting the challenges of the energy, industrial, and digital transitions.

With the ability to operate at every stage of projects' lifecycle, Equans France brings together 35,000 employees to design, install and supply tailor-made solutions that optimize clients' equipment and usage, enhancing infrastructure performance and energy efficiency. Its expertise spans electrical engineering, HVAC, refrigeration, fire safety, Facility Management, multi-technical maintenance, IT & Telecommunication, and digital solutions.

On a global scale, Equans operates in 20 countries, with 90,000 employees across 5 continents and a turnover of 19.2 billion euros in 2024. Following a similar dynamic, its subsidiary Equans France achieved a turnover of 7.2 billion euros in 2024 and operates in nearly 30 countries.

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