

# Soyo's Combined Cycle Covers Energy Deficit

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The Minister of Energy and Water, João Baptista Borges, assured the start of operation of the first unit of the Soyo Combined Cycle plant, to mitigate the deficit caused by the filling process of the Laúca reservoir.

At a press conference held on Saturday, 11, after the filling of the reservoir of the Laúca Hydroelectric Power Plant (AHL), chaired by the Head of State, José Eduardo dos Santos, the Minister said that the Soyo Combined Cycle, with a capacity of 750 megawatts, and the thermal plants of Morro Bento and Camama, each with 50, will be put into operation.

All the thermal capacity currently available in the country, he stressed, will be put into operation if the critical drought period remains at the "red" level in which it is.

The aim, he added, is to offset the deficit and cover the entire period of the AHL reservoir filling, scheduled for July, in its four phases. "We will have periods of restrictions due to the Lauca fill and will be aggravated or not depending on the rain. If it rains, we will make a softer filling and avoid water limitations for Cambambe and severe restrictions," he said.

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