Sintra monuments turn off their lights in this symbolic action

*Stra, March 3 2015* – Parques de Sintra joined in with the Planet Hour 2015 initiative organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and in keeping with the precedent of previous years. Hence, the National Palace of Pena, the National Palace of Sintra, the Palace of Monserrate and the Moorish Castle went dark on Saturday, March 28th between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

This is the fourth consecutive year in which Parques de Sintra has demonstrated its commitment to the planet and thereby joining in with hundreds of millions of persons worldwide. “Use your power against climate change” was the slogan for this year.

Planet Hour is a WWF initiative that began in Sidney, Australia in 2007 when 2.2 million people and over 2,000 companies switched off their lights for an hour to express their position against climate change.

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In 2014, the sites managed by PSML (the Park and National Palace of Pena, the National Palaces of Sintra and Queluz, the Chalet of the Countess of Edla, the Moorish Castle, the Palace and Gardens of Monserrate, the Convent of the Capuchos and the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art) welcomed approximately 1,928,000 visits, around 86% of whom were international in origin. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, PSML was distinguished with the World Travel Award for the “World’s Leading Conservation Company”.

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