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Larrain y Asociados has helped Chilean asset manager Toesca acquire a stake in a subsidiary of local power company AES Gener for US\$113 million and obtain a loan to fund the purchase.

Claro & Cía advised the seller, Norgener Inversiones, which sold an undisclosed stake in the target, Empresa Eléctrica Cochrane.

To fund the acquisition, Larrain y Asociados helped Toesca get a US\$45 million loan. The lender, BCI, relied on Morales & Besa.

Both transactions closed on 4 September.

The deal handed Toesca, which made the investment through its infrastructure fund, a stake in AES Gener's Cochrane coal-fired power plant. It has an installed capacity of 532 megawatts and is in the Antofagasta region in northern Chile.

This is the first time Toesca used its infrastructure fund, which is one of two funds it manages. It is understood that the latest acquisition expanded the company's portfolio of power assets in Chile.

Empresa Eléctrica Cochrane obtained US\$875 million last year to refinance existing project finance agreements related to the power plant. Larrain y Asociados and Claro & Cía advised on that deal too.

AES Gener is the Chilean subsidiary of US power company AES Corporation, which has a wide Latin American portfolio with operations in Argentina, Brazil and Chile among others.

Based in Chile, Toesca manages a diverse portfolio of assets in Latin America. The investor made a landmark purchase back in 2017 when it bought three tower blocks for US\$168 million, which at the time was the largest-ever acquisition by a Chilean investment fund.

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