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A project worth €1.9 billion

Alstom signs agreement to build a 1,200 MW power plant in Saudi Arabia

Alstom has signed a letter of intent with Saudi Arabian utility, Saudi Electricity Company (SEC), for a €1.9 billion turnkey contract to build a new 1,200 MW steam power plant in Saudi Arabia. This new plant will be constructed adjacent to the existing Shoaiba power station, 100 km south of Jeddah. Following the project, the Shoaiba power plant will comprise 14 units of 400 MW each, bringing the total output to 5,600 MW. The contract will be finalised in the coming months.

The agreement, signed on 28 June 2008, marks the third stage of the Shoaiba project. The previous 11 units were supplied by an Alstom-led consortium on a turnkey basis under two separate contracts won in November 1998 and January 2004 respectively.

Under this contract, Alstom will design, supply, install and commission the entire plant, including boilers, STF40 steam turbines, Gigatop 2-pole turbogenerators, sea-water flue gas desulphurization systems for removal of SO₂ and the complete balance of plant and systems for the three units. Alstom's consortium partner, Saudi Archirodon, will carry out all the associated civil works. The boilers are designed to burn both crude and heavy fuel oil and will use Alstom's advanced low NO_x tangential firing technology. Delivery of major equipment is scheduled in 2010.

Electric power demand in Saudi Arabia is growing at around 7% each year, requiring massive investment in the country's power generation capacity.

Philippe Joubert, Alstom Executive Vice President and President, Power Systems, said: "*With this new Shoaiba contract Saudi Electricity Company proves its ongoing trust in Alstom and recognition of Alstom's competence and expertise as a reliable provider of integrated power solutions.*"

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