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Alstom wins a turnkey contract worth more than 300 million euros to build a gas-fired power plant in Algeria

Alstom has just signed a turnkey contract with the Algerian state-owned gas and electricity company, SONELGAZ (Société de l'Electricité et du Gaz), worth 310 million euros to build an open cycle gas-fired power plant in Relizane (western Algeria).

Alstom will supply a full turnkey simple cycle power plant integrating in-house core plant components. Under the terms of this contract, Alstom will initially supply two GT13E2 gas turbines*, which are currently the most efficient gas turbine in its class, as well as two air cooled turbo-generators. Alstom is also in the final stage of negotiating the supply of a third GT13E2 gas turbine along with a third air cooled turbo-generator.

This new fast-track contract is part of Algeria's emergency program which aims to rapidly increase the country's power generating capacity as demand is booming. Power demand has been increasing at a rate of approximately 5% each year, fuelled by industrial development, significant investment in infrastructures and a growing population.

With this new agreement, Alstom reinforces its partnership with SONELGAZ, following Alstom's construction in 2003 of a turnkey power plant located in F'Kirina (east of Algiers).

Philippe Joubert, President of Alstom Power Systems, declared on this occasion: *"We are honoured that SONELGAZ renewed its confidence in Alstom for the construction of a new gas fired plant after the successful completion of the F'Kirina project. This highlights Alstom's reputation and capability to meet soaring power demand with its environmental friendly technology"*.

**To date, there are 96 Alstom GT13E2 units in commercial operation worldwide and the fleet has recorded over 3.6 million firing hours.*

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