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A contract worth over €50 million

Alstom to retrofit the control systems of EDF 1300 MW nuclear power plants

Alstom Thermal Power has been awarded a contract worth over €50 million to retrofit the Controbloc N20 units for the 1300 MW nuclear power plants of Electricité de France (EDF). All of the twenty 1300 MW nuclear units in France are equipped with Alstom control system, installed during the construction of the power plants. Alstom has been servicing it ever since.

Controbloc N20 is a control system for power plant operators, which enables them to improve the control of their plant with various sensors throughout the plant monitoring components such as valves, actuators of pumps, engines and electrical units. Alstom will modernise the current system, adding new technology, based on its latest ALSPA Series 6 control system, to the existing Controbloc N20. Deployment for the first retrofitted unit is scheduled for spring 2015.

Dominique Llonch, Vice President Power Automation & Controls said: *“This contract is a clear sign on how Alstom can both maintain its equipment on the long range and adapt to the new operational needs by providing its latest technologies.”*

The retrofits are part of the standard lifetime visits and life extensions plans for the 1300 MW EDF Nuclear fleet in France.

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