

Press information

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A contract worth M€400 ALSTOM TO BUILD A TURNKEY GT26-BASED COMBINED-CYCLE POWER PLANT IN THE UK

ALSTOM has won a contract worth more than 400 million euros to build a turnkey 885MW GT26-based combined-cycle power plant with Centrica Langage Ltd at Langage, Devon in the South West of England.

ALSTOM will design, supply, install and commission the entire power plant, including the site preparation, civil works and the testing of the plant. The company will supply two GT26-gas turbines, one heat recovery steam generator (HRSG), a single steam turbine and a large air-cooled condenser.

ALSTOM will also provide maintenance support to Langage for an initial 12-year period under a long-term service agreement.

The power plant will meet stringent environmental criteria and be considerably smaller in size, height and area than similar plants. Environmental requirements for the plant mean that it will achieve a very low level of NOx and CO emissions and will be designed to blend in with the surroundings.

The South West region of the the UK has little existing generation capacity and the new plant will reduce the need to import power from the rest of the country and hence reduce transmission costs.

The plant is scheduled to be in commercial operation during winter 2008/2009. It is the first large scale project to be built in the UK for five years.

Today, there are 79 GT24/GT26 units in commercial operation and the fleet has accumulated more than 1,800,000 fired hours.

Philippe Joubert, President of ALSTOM's Power Turbo-Systems/Power Environment Sector said : « Winning this new contract strengthens our position in the UK market, confirms the leadership of our best-in-class GT26-turbines and highlights our ability as a plant integrator to deliver turnkey plants on a fast-track basis ».

Walter Graenicher, President ALSTOM's Power Service Sector said : "We are proud that Centrica has again entrusted ALSTOM with the long term operation support and maintenance responsibility for this new plant. This success is based on our extensive experience servicing F-Class GT/CC power plants, which Centrica perceives as bringing high value that significantly supports the success of their business."

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