

Press Information

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Contract worth more than 300 million euros

Alstom will supply CyCoFos (Gaz de France) with two turnkey power plants - one to recycle blast furnace gases

Alstom has won a contract worth over 300 million Euros from CyCoFos, a subsidiary of Gaz de France, to supply two turnkey power plants in Fos-sur-Mer, near Marseilles, in Southern France.

The first plant will be a 425 MW turnkey gas-fired combined cycle plant based on GT26 technology, which will be one of the largest of its kind in France. The plant will provide CyCoFos with efficient power production capacity and supply electricity for the local network. Alstom will carry out project management, engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning. It will also provide key power components, including a GT26 gas turbine, steam turbine, heat recovery steam generator and TOPGAS turbogenerator.

The second will be a turnkey 65 MW steam plant located at the same site. It will burn waste gas from a steel plant owned by Sollac, a subsidiary of steel group Arcelor, and convert it into electricity. The gas used will be blast furnace gas, which is currently being burned away. The plant key components include a conventional boiler, air-cooled turbogenerator, instrumentation and control systems.

Both plants are scheduled to come into commercial operation by the end of October 2008.

For this contract, Alstom has developed an integrated power solution to meet CyCoFos' requirements of having two different power plants, using different fuels and supplying energy in a short time frame. Significantly, Alstom will use many of the same components in both plants to simplify future maintenance requirements.

Alstom supplied Gaz de France with a gas-fired power plant of 800 MW, located in Dunkirk (Northern France). This plant started production in 2005.

Philippe Joubert, President of Alstom's Power Turbo-systems/Power Environment Sector said: "This two-plant project demonstrates Alstom's ability to deliver fast, innovative, integrated power solutions which answer precise customer requirements. Our expertise in both power plant design and main component manufacture means we can provide a fully integrated solution to our clients."

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