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A contract worth €800 million

Alstom to build the first GT26-based gas-fired power plant in Algeria with a capacity of 1,200 MW

An Alstom-led consortium has been awarded a contract worth more than 1.3 billion euro by the Algerian state-owned gas and electricity company Sonelgaz (Société Nationale de l'Electricité et du Gaz) to build a 1,200 MW gas-fired power plant. This first GT26-based turnkey combined-cycle power plant in Algeria, based upon a total of three GT-26 gas turbines, will be located in Terga, 600 km west of Algiers. Alstom's part of the contract is worth approximately 800 million euro. The Alstom's consortium partner is Egyptian Orascom Construction Industries.

Under the contract, Alstom will supply a full turnkey combined-cycle power plant integrating in-house core plant components built around Alstom's advanced class GT26 gas turbine with best operational flexibility. The plant will be composed of three combined cycle units (3 x 400 MW). Orascom will be in charge of civil works and construction.

Due to the country's industrial and economic development, important investments in infrastructure and increasing electricity demand from a growing population, this new contract will reinforce the country's power generating capacity.

This third contract for a gas-fired power plant awarded to Alstom by Sonelgaz in recent years follows two GT13E2-based projects, F'Kirina and Relizane, signed respectively in 2003 and 2007. Sonelgaz has renewed its vote of confidence in Alstom, following the success of the F'Kirina project, which was delivered on time in 2004 and has demonstrated a high availability during its first three years of operation.

Patrick Kron, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alstom, declared today during the signature ceremony in Algiers: "We are particularly proud to be selected by Sonelgaz for the third time in four years to contribute to the development of Algeria's power generation capacity. With its high efficiency, operational flexibility and low emissions, our GT26 advanced technology will secure power supply in the region while protecting environment. Alstom has also been successful in Algeria on the transport market, with the Algiers, Constantine and Oran tramways, as well as the electrification of the Algiers suburban network".

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