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A contract worth €275 million

Alstom to build a new turnkey GT26-based combined-cycle power plant in Ireland

Alstom was awarded an order last week worth 275 million euros by ESB Power Generation, a division of the Irish state-owned power producer Electricity Supply Board (ESB), for the construction of a 430 MW combined cycle power plant at Aghada, Midleton Co. Cork, Ireland.

This contract is the second GT26 technology-based contract signed by Alstom with ESB, following the Synergen plant at Ringsend in Dublin, which went into commercial operation in 2002. When operational, this new power plant will enable ESB to improve its competitive position in the Irish electricity market, and is part of ESB's plan to renew its generation portfolio with new more efficient and more environmentally friendly plant.

Under the contract, Alstom will provide all engineering, procurement and construction services to deliver a fully integrated turnkey power plant. The plant is composed of one KA26* combined cycle unit and will integrate in-house core plant components built around Alstom's world-leading GT26 gas turbine technology.

Today, there are 81 Alstom GT24/GT26 units in commercial operation worldwide. The fleet has accumulated more than 2,2 million firing hours.

Philippe Joubert, President of Alstom Power Systems, said: *"The Aghada power plant will offer ESB a high degree of flexibility and reduce NOx and CO₂ emissions. Alstom is really happy to be helping ESB to increase its capacity and tackle the challenge of climate change head-on with the most pragmatic solution available today - increased plant efficiency"*.

** A KA26 single-shaft combined cycle unit includes one Alstom advanced class GT26 gas turbine with high operational flexibility and lowed in-class emissions; one compact, state-of-the art reheat Alstom steam turbine and one high efficiency Alstom hydrogen-cooled TOPGAS generator.*

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