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Bioenergies: AREVA wins contracts worth €30m in Europe

AREVA has won two major contracts to build turnkey bioenergy power plants in Germany and Belgium, for a total amount of €30 million.

Evonik New Energies, a utility company, has awarded AREVA the construction of a biogas power plant in Kirchwalsede, Germany. Up to 30,000 tons of vegetable and animal residues will be used per year in a horizontal fermenter and a post-fermenter for the biogas production.

The biogas combined-heat-and-power will generate in total 1.43 MWe of electric power. In parallel, the heat produced will be used to power the fermenters and dry the digestates to produce fertilizer. Construction of the plant will be finalized in 2010.

Intrinergy, a US-based renewable energy company with European headquarters in Straubing, Germany, has assigned a consortium comprising AREVA and KEM, a Danish supplier of biomass technology, to supply a turnkey cogeneration biomass plant and wood pellet manufacturing facility in Belgium. The power plant will produce up to 4.5 MW of renewable electricity for the local grid, and approximately 8 MW of process steam for a belt drier at the pellet manufacturing facility.

AREVA offers full turnkey CO₂-neutral solutions in the renewable energy sector. Specializing in biomass and biogas plants as well as combined heat and power plants, AREVA offers a full range of services, including engineering, component and system sourcing, project management plus installation and commissioning. AREVA has built more than 100 bioenergy power plants in worldwide representing more than 2,500 MW of installed capacity.

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