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**PRESS RELEASE**

**AREVA to launch manufacturing of forgings for first EPR™ reactor in the United Kingdom**

**Paris, July 28, 2011**

AREVA announced to have signed an agreement with EDF Energy to manufacture forgings for the first EPR™ reactor to be built at Hinkley point, South-West England. The accord is a key step towards the construction of the United Kingdom's first 2 EPR™ reactors planned by EDF.

The AREVA group is also in commercial discussions with Horizon Nuclear Power and NuGeneration for the supply of up to 6 additional EPR™ reactors in the United Kingdom.

The EPR™ reactor is currently undergoing the Generic Design Assessment process in the United Kingdom. British regulators have recently reiterated their confidence in AREVA's generation III+ reactor, which meets the highest safety standards. The EPR™ reactor is currently being built in Finland, France and China and the certification process is underway in the United States.

AREVA CEO, Luc Oursel, said: "This agreement confirms the United Kingdom's commitment to promote nuclear power, a sustainable, economically-viable and low-carbon energy source. It represents a milestone for AREVA's new build projects in the country."

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AREVA supplies solutions for power generation with less carbon. Its expertise and unwavering insistence on safety, security, transparency and ethics are setting the standard, and its responsible development is anchored in a process of continuous improvement.

Ranked first in the global nuclear power industry, AREVA's unique integrated offering to utilities covers every stage of the fuel cycle, nuclear reactor design and construction, and related services. The group is also expanding in renewable energies – wind, solar, bioenergies, hydrogen and storage – to be one of the top three in this sector worldwide in 2012.

With these two major offers, AREVA's 48,000 employees are helping to supply ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.