



PRESS RELEASE

UK: major milestone for EPR™ reactor certification

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AREVA is delighted with the decision by the United Kingdom's Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) to issue an interim Design Acceptance Confirmation (iDAC) for the EPR™ reactor following a four-year Generic Design Assessment process.

This achievement is a major step forward for the construction of EPR™ reactors in the UK selected by EDF Energy.

The issuing of the IDAC follows the signing this past July between between AREVA and EDF of a contract for the manufacture of heavy forgings required for critical components for the Hinkley Point C EPR™ reactor.

Alain-Pierre Raynaud, Chairman of AREVA UK, said: *"This is a very important moment. After four years of the most detailed and careful examination of the EPR™ design by the UK regulators, they have concluded that they are largely satisfied with both the design and the safety case of our technology and are prepared to issue an Interim Design Acceptance Confirmation for the UK.*

"We have already closed out a number of the outstanding issues and look forward to satisfying the regulators on any remaining questions, including those raised following Fukushima. This will open the way to construction of the first EPR™ in the UK and all the benefits our low carbon technology will bring to assure energy supply."

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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.