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Bioenergy: AREVA wins a contract for a co-generation power plant in France

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AREVA, in consortium with a French industrial boiler supplier Leroux & Lotz Technologies, has been selected by neoen, an electricity producer from renewable energies, following a call for tender for the construction of a biomass co-generation power plant in Commentry, France (Allier department), for an amount worth 55 million euros.

Using wood chips as fuel, this power plant will enable the reduction of 40,000 tons of CO₂ emissions per year. It will be able to generate around 15 MW of electrical power and 50 MW of thermal power. AREVA and its partner Leroux & Lotz Technologies will supply all the equipment and services required for the construction and commissioning of the plant, scheduled for the first quarter of 2015.

Louis-François Durrett, Senior Executive Vice-President of AREVA's Renewable Energies Business Group, said : "the trust shown in us by neoen is in large part attributed to AREVA Bioenergy's performance in safety and on-time delivery. This success enables AREVA to create more new jobs in France and consolidate its position as a worldwide leader in the bioenergy sector."

AREVA has completed the construction of two similar biomass power plants, one in Pierrelatte, France (Drôme department) as well as in the Netherlands.

The group is the leading manufacturer of biomass power plants in the world with the largest installed base generating more than 2,500 MW and 100 power plants delivered.

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AREVA supplies advanced technology 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 operating services. The group is actively developing its activities in renewable energies – wind, bioenergy, solar and energy storage – to become one of the leaders in this sector worldwide. With these two major offers, AREVA's 47,000 employees are helping to supply ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.