



## EDF acquires a majority holding in British North Sea gas fields from ATP Oil & Gas Corporation

EDF has signed an agreement with ATP Oil & Gas UK, a subsidiary of the American oil company ATP Oil & Gas Corporation (ATPG), on the acquisition of 80% of its shares in gas assets in the British North Sea. EDF also has the option to acquire the remaining 20% of ATPG's shares in the same conditions. This option can be exercised in year 2009 and transferred to its Italian subsidiary Edison (49% owned by EDF).

The transaction, the amount of which is 265 million pounds (around 335 million euros), concerns:

- 68% of the Tors zone, which includes two natural gas fields that came into production in March 2006 and February 2007;
- 80% of the Wenlock field, which came into production in December 2007.

The total volume of reserves is estimated at around 3 billion m<sup>3</sup>.

ATP Oil & Gas UK will continue to operate the Tors and Wenlock fields, the production of which is delivered to the Bacton gas terminal in the United Kingdom.

The acquisition has been approved by the Boards of Directors of EDF and ATPG, but is still subject to approval by the relevant British authorities.

The deal is in line with EDF Group's strategy of further diversifying gas supplies both for its own electricity generating facilities and for supplying natural gas to its customers. For that purpose, the Group relies principally on its subsidiary Edison, which has secured a large part of the new methane terminal at Rovigo, inaugurated in September 2008. EDF is also involved in projects to create a liquefied natural gas infrastructure, such as the Dunkirk methane terminal which is expected to come into service in 2013.

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