



## EDF gets involved in supercritical coal-burning technology for generating electricity in China

The EDF Group has just received the approval from the Chinese authorities to acquire a 35% holding in a joint venture with Chinese partners to operate two 600 MW units of a supercritical coal-burning thermal power station in the province of Henan, brought on line in 2007 at Sanmenxia.

China Datang Corporation (CDC), one of China's leading electricity producers and the municipality of Sanmenxia will own 60% and 5% respectively of the joint venture. The EDF Group's investment amounts to around 35 million euros.

This share holding is taken as part of the industrial co-operation agreed with CDC in 2006 for the joint development of investment projects to operate and run electricity generating installations in China. It is also a sign of the confidence the Chinese government has shown in the EDF Group, a long-standing partner in the energy sector.

The transaction will allow the EDF Group to extend its experience of Chinese supercritical coal technology, which is one of the most efficient in the world. China, which produces 75% of its electricity from coal-burning power stations, is at the leading edge of this technology, which is vital if the country's energy needs are to be met while limiting environmental impact by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Since 2006, China has been bringing an average of 68 GW of coal-burning generating capacity into service each year, the equivalent of France's nuclear production fleet.

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