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## The EDF Group and the Dutch power company DELTA inaugurate the SLOE gas combined cycle thermal power station in the Netherlands

The EDF Group and DELTA, the 4th largest Dutch power company, inaugurate today an 870 MW gas combined cycle (GCC) power station at Vlissingen-Oost, in the south-west of the Netherlands. The power station was built and is owned and operated by Sloe Centrale B.V, a company 50% owned by EDF and Delta. Made up of two 435 MW units, this GCC produces the equivalent of the electricity consumption of about 2 million homes. EDF is relying on its EDF Trading subsidiary to sell on the wholesale market its 50 % share of the electricity generated by the power station.

Being flexible and responsive, the Sloe power station can start up and produce electricity within 30 to 40 minutes, which makes it a form of generation particularly suited to changes in the demand for electricity. This highly efficient power station also includes the latest technological advances to significantly reduce the effects of its operation on the environment, particularly by reducing atmospheric emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxide (Nox).

Within the context of the partnership with Delta, the success of this project illustrates the engineering expertise and know-how of the EDF Group in designing and operating modern and innovative thermal electricity generation facilities. It adds to the GCC experience already acquired by the Group with the construction of the power stations at Norte Fluminense in Brazil (780 MW) and Phu My in Vietnam (715 MW). These international projects are an asset for the new sites that are under construction: three GCCs in France, in Blénod-lès-Pont-à-Mousson (440 MW) and Martigues (930 MW in total) and three in Great Britain, in West Burton (1,300 MW in total).

The Sloe power station also allows EDF to diversify its energy mix in the Benelux countries by supplementing the generating facilities of the Group in the region, in particular in Belgium, through its EDF Belgium subsidiary (owner of 50 % of the Tihange 1 nuclear power station) and its 51 % interest in SPE Luminus (a mix of generating facilities totalling 1,955 MW).

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The EDF Group, one of the leaders in the energy market in Europe, is an integrated energy company active in all businesses: generation, transmission, distribution, energy supply and trading. The Group is the leading electricity producer in Europe. In France, it has mainly nuclear and hydraulic production facilities where 95% of the electricity output involves no CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. EDF's transport and distribution subsidiaries in France operate 1,274,000 km of low and medium voltage overhead and underground electricity lines and around 100,000 km of high and very high voltage networks. The Group is involved in supplying energy and services to more than 38 million customers around the world, including more than 28 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of € 64.3 billion in 2008, of which 47% in Europe excluding France. EDF is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange and is a member of the CAC 40 index.



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