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EDF to invest in the industrial sector by ordering 44 steam generators for its fleet of nuclear power plants

The EDF Board has approved an order for 44 steam generators, to be installed in its 1300 MW nuclear power plants. Areva and Westinghouse are to undertake the supply of 32 and 12 generators respectively, for a total value in excess of 1.5 billion euros. As a result, suitably equipped and highly experienced industrial sites, particularly in the Burgundy region, will see a substantial demand for their services from EDF over the years ahead.

According to Henri Proglio, Chairman and CEO of EDF: *"We are making the resources available for sustainable investment in highly proficient industrial facilities and innovative expertise. This order also marks a new phase in the partnership between EDF and Areva, by securing long-term employment in France, particularly in Areva's plants in Burgundy"*.

This order for steam generators for the 1300 MW reactor series constitutes part of the programme for the gradual replacement of major plant components. Each steam generator, weighing approximately 438 tonnes, has an interior circuit consisting of 122 km of tubes for the production of steam, which is then used to generate electricity in a large turbine.

All the steam generator tubes will be manufactured in France (Montbard), whilst the steam generators supplied by Areva will, for the most part, be forged and assembled at Le Creusot and Chalon-sur-Saône. These steam generators will then be installed in the relevant French nuclear power plants (1300 MW series) from 2017 onwards.

Accordingly, EDF has reaffirmed its commitment to the maintenance of the territorial roots of the Group, and specifically to the protection of local jobs. Close links have been forged between Burgundy and EDF since the original construction of EDF's nuclear power plants. Burgundy has developed industrial facilities with specific fields of expertise, e.g. in boiler-making, with the production of steam generators and tubes, which are essential to the upkeep of power plants. These operations have allowed local companies to acquire unique skills.

The replacement of these major components will place increased demands upon all the highly-experienced industrial operators in this sector. This order is an element of EDF's industrial policy in France, which is to deliver investments to the value of tens of billions of Euros in generating capacity, recruitment and training.

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 CO₂ emissions. EDF's transport and distribution subsidiaries in France operate 1,285,000 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 around 38 million customers around the world, including close to 28 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of €66.3 billion in 2009, of which 49% 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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