



Press release

EDF and Dutch energy company Delta announce the joint building and operation of a gas-fired combined-cycle power plant in the Netherlands

Following a joint development agreement signed by both groups in July 2006, EDF and Delta, the Dutch energy company, announce the establishment of Sloe Centrale B.V, a joint venture formed for the purpose of managing the construction and operating a gas-fired combined-cycle power plant on the Sloe industrial estate in the south-west of the Netherlands.

EDF and Delta will share the financing of the construction of the 870 MW plant on a 50/50 basis, each partner having at its disposal 50% of the electricity generated. Commercial operation is due to start in 2009. The Siemens company has won the tender to build the plant and maintain it for 15 years. The construction and maintenance contracts total € 550 million.

This facility will meet the most stringent environmental standards in Europe, keeping CO₂ emissions well below the levels recorded by conventional gas-fired power plants.

Pierre Gadonneix, Chairman and CEO of EDF, said: *“The joint construction of the Sloe power plant with the Delta company marks another step in the development of EDF’s presence in the Benelux countries as part of the Group’s profitable growth strategy. This project will contribute to the diversification of our generation capacity in Europe and will enhance electricity supply security in the Netherlands, a country facing a shortage of generating capacity.”*

The EDF Group, one of the leaders in the energy market in Europe, is an integrated energy company active in all the businesses: production, transport, distribution, energy selling 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 operates 1,200,000 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 40 million customers around the world, including more than 28 million in France. The Group generated consolidated sales of € 58.9 billion (of which 42% in Europe excluding France) and net income from ordinary operations of € 4.2 billion in 2006. EDF is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

Delta, the fourth largest utility company in the Netherlands (electricity, gas, water, waste management services, etc.), is one of the first to be able to start on the construction of a large, new power plant since energy market deregulation in 1999.

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