

Electrabel, Suez Group, buys two new wind farms in Portugal

Electrabel has acquired to Gamesa the ownership of two new wind farms in Portugal: the wind farm of Mourisca (61 km Southeast from Oporto) and the one of Fafe II (North of the country), which will add a capacity of 64 MW.

The Mourisca wind farm, in operation, is made up of 19 turbines, each with a capacity of 2 MW totalling 38 MW. It will generate 91 GWh annually, avoiding CO₂ emissions of 65,000 tonnes per year.

The Fafe II wind farm, under construction, concerns 13 new units of 2 MW totalling 26 MW. These will generate 58 GWh annually and should enter service during the summer of 2008, adding to the 80 MW of capacity that Electrabel has at present in Fafe, avoiding CO₂ emissions in total of 169,000 tonnes per year.

These new 2 acquisitions makes part of an agreement between Electrabel and Gamesa, Spanish wind farms designer and builder, for the development of wind power projects in Portugal with a capacity of 214 MW (150 MW of them in operation).

With this 93.5 million euro investment Electrabel is pushing ahead with development of its renewable generating resources. Once the extension of Fafe wind farm is completed the company will have installed wind power capacity in Europe of more than 600 MW.

At present Electrabel already has renewable generating capacity equivalent to the consumption of 5 million households, or all of its residential customers in Europe.

Electrabel, a European supplier of all-in, tailor-made energy solutions

Electrabel is one of the front-ranking power companies in Europe and the leader in the Benelux. It is taking advantage of opportunities offered by deregulation of the electricity and gas markets to achieve sustainable growth in Europe while keeping to strict criteria of profitability.

The company develops its range of energy products and services by exploiting the synergies between electricity and natural gas. It offers a tailor-made solution for each customer, characterised by quality and close support, acting through marketing subsidiaries and partnerships with local operators.

The company manages a diversified range of generating facilities totalling more than 30,000 MW, and carries out trading on all the energy markets. In Belgium it operates the electricity and gas networks on behalf of the distribution network operators.

Electrabel is a member of Suez, an international industrial and services group operating in the fields of energy and the environment.

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