

Electrabel, SUEZ Group, wants to build power plants in Brunsbüttel and Stade with cooperation partners

State of the art coal fired power plants will be part of a broad generation portfolio

In the face of the large demand for modern base load power plants, Electrabel, SUEZ Group, decided to build in Brunsbüttel as well as in Stade two state of the art coal fired power plants, if the necessary requirements can be fulfilled, as both locations are eminently suited for the construction of modern power plants. In particular, these requirements are the necessary approvals, grid access and coal logistics.

Electrabel is offering municipal utilities, industrial customers and other regional partners the chance to participate in these projects. A similar decision for Wilhelmshaven was already made last year.

„The growing interest in our projects confirms our opinion that there is a great deal of demand on the market“ so says Erik von Scholz, CEO of Electrabel in Germany. The investment in new power plants is part of Electrabel’s strategy aiming to establish a balanced position between generation and sales in Germany. The projects will contribute toward securing future energy supply at competitive conditions.

All power plants are currently undergoing the approval process. The start of commercial operation is planned for 2012. These power plants are being constructed with the highest state of the art technology that is currently available on the market. Their efficiency factor of more than 46 % will contribute to reducing CO-2 emission considerably.

This investment will create approximately 300 jobs at each location. During the construction phase, up to 900 workers will be employed at each site.

These projects are part of Electrabel's integrated generation strategy which strives toward a balanced mixture of fossil and renewable energy sources.

Accordingly, the company is studying the possibility to construct 800 MW gas and steam turbine power plants. Presently, locations in Schwandorf, Calbe and Stassfurt are undergoing feasibility studies. Investments in offshore wind farms are being intensively analyzed as well. In February 2008, Electrabel purchased 250 wind turbines from the German Manufacturer REpower Systems AG for its European generation park.

Today, Electrabel is among the companies with the least CO₂ output in Europe. Development of renewable energies is constantly growing in importance. By 2009, 18 % of our generation park will be of renewable energy sources.

Electrabel - a European provider of comprehensive and tailor-made energy solutions

Electrabel is one of Europe's frontrunners in the energy sector and leader in the Benelux market. It responds to the opportunities presented by the deregulation of the electricity and natural gas market by constantly developing its offer of energy products and services throughout Europe. In doing so it is able to combine high quality with close support for each customer, drawing on a network of commercial subsidiaries and partnerships with local operators. In Europe the company manages a diversified range of generating facilities totalling more than 29 000 MW, and is active in trading on all energy markets. Furthermore, in Belgium it manages the electricity and natural gas distribution grids on behalf of the distribution system operators.

Electrabel is part of SUEZ, an international industrial and services group which is active in the energy and the environmental sectors.

In **Germany**, Electrabel sells electricity, natural gas and energy products and services, both directly to industrial companies as well as indirectly to small and mid-sized companies and residential customers, in collaboration with local partners. It is also active in the fields of electricity generation and trading on the various power exchanges.

Energie SaarLorLux, a joint venture of Electrabel and Stadtwerke Saarbrücken, supplies electricity, natural gas and heat.

Through its partnership with Stadtwerke Gera, Electrabel is active in the generation, distribution and sale of electricity, natural gas and heat in Gera.

Electrabel Saarland GmbH is a subsidiary of Electrabel Deutschland AG and in charge of the operational management of the power plant Römerbrücke.

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