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MAN Diesel powers Pakistan

O&M: MAN Diesel expands its power plant business further

After around 18 months of construction, on 15 August 2009 Dr. Stefan Spindler, MAN Diesel Executive Board Member responsible for the power plants business, inaugurated the first of a total of four diesel power plants which are developed in collaboration with the Pakistani Atlas Group. Alongside other key Pakistani figures, the inauguration ceremony was also attended by the country's Prime Minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, and the Minister of Water and Power, Raja Pervez Ashraf. The plant, close to the city of Lahore, was built by MAN Diesel as a turnkey diesel power plant with combined heat and power systems, and will in future generate around 213.6 MW of electrical energy for the Lahore region. The order for this power plant is worth around Euro 150 million.

In the power plant hall, known as the "power house", eleven MAN Diesel engines of type 18V48/60 deliver the energy required. At 18,900 KW (25,700 HP) each, these are the largest and most powerful four-stroke engines in MAN Diesel's portfolio designed for use in stationary power generators. The diesel engines are supplemented by a steam turbine that generates an additional 16.5 MW of power from the assemblies' exhaust gases, contributing towards the extremely efficient use of the energy contained in the fuel.

"The power plant in Sheikhpura is the perfect example of MAN Diesel's full-spectrum portfolio in the field of diesel power plants. We were responsible not only for the development, design and construction of the plant, but MAN Diesel will also be in charge of operation & maintenance for this power plant in Pakistan," says Dr. Georg Pachta-Reyhofen, Chairman of the Executive Board of MAN Diesel SE. The Pakistani subsidiary MAN Diesel Operations Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd. was founded specifically for this purpose. The operation of diesel power plants is an add-on to MAN Diesel's product portfolio. MAN Diesel already has considerable experience and skills in maintenance with its after-sales brand MAN Diesel PrimeServ. In addition to the order value for the power plant, the contract for operations & maintenance (O&M for short) has a value of around Euro 100 million. In future, the Augsburg-based large-bore engine manufacturer will offer its O&M activities on the market under the name "Power Management by MAN".

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The three other diesel power plants, which have also been developed in close collaboration with the Atlas Group and are also to be built in the north of Pakistan, near the city of Lahore, are now to be gradually completed by the year 2012. In June 2008, MAN Diesel received the order for the second power plant from the Pakistani energy generator Hub Power Company (HUBCO). The order had a value of Euro 150 million; the plant is due to go on grid in 2010. The other two diesel power plants are currently still in the project planning stage. This means that, in a few years' time, there will be a total of four MAN Diesel power plants providing reliable and efficient energy to the north of Pakistan.

The overall project stems from an initiative by the Pakistani government aimed at covering the country's growing energy demands.

About MAN Diesel

MAN Diesel is the world's leading provider of large-bore diesel engines for marine and power plant applications. The company designs two-stroke and four-stroke engines, generating sets, turbochargers, CP propellers and complete propulsion packages that are manufactured both by MAN Diesel and its licensees. The engines have power outputs ranging from 450 to 97,300 kW. MAN Diesel employs over 7,800 staff, primarily in Germany, Denmark, France, the Czech Republic, India and China. The global after-sales organisation, MAN Diesel PrimeServ, comprises a network of the company's own service centres, supported by authorised partners. MAN Diesel is a company of MAN SE, which is listed on the DAX share index of the 30 leading companies in Germany.