

## Press Release

### Flue Gas Desulphurisation extension in Połaniec Power Plant

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Electrabel Poland launched a project of connecting all the eight power units of Połaniec Power Plant to the existing Flue Gases Desulphurization Installation (FGD). Currently, five power units are connected to the installation. The efficiency of FGD build in 1998 is enough to desulphurize flue gases from all the power units.

The project of FGD development involves building a new flue gases collector connecting all the power units to the FGD. What is more, a new three-duct smokestack will be constructed, 150 meters high, which will replace the two existing stacks.

As a result of developing the FGD it will be possible to desulphurize flue gases from the whole Power Plant. Desulphurized flue gases will be directed to two of the three ducts of the new stack. If the capacity of the FGD is exceeded, non-desulphurized flue gases will be vented through the third duct.

This investment will allow Połaniec Power Plant reducing SO<sub>2</sub> emission and meeting the requirements of environmental norms, connected with SO<sub>2</sub> emission among others.

The development of the FGD started in August 2007. The new part of the installation will be commissioned in November 2008, a year after today's ceremony of laying the foundation stone. The value of the investment is PLN 110 M (approx. EUR 30 M).

The ceremony will be honoured with the presence of the Ambassador of Belgium in Poland, Jan Luykx, representatives of the local authorities, the power sector, media and the companies participating in the project of developing the FGD. Apart from the Foundation Act, the metal tube will include the latest issue of "Echo Electrabel Polska" company's magazine, local newspaper, a photograph of the construction site and a 1 zloty coin.

This investment is executed „turn-key” by Elporem Sp. z o.o. (a subsidiary of Electrabel Polska S.A.) and Polimex-Mostostal S.A.

#### Electrabel, SUEZ Group in Poland

Electrabel. SUEZ Group has been present in Poland since 2000. Połaniec Power Plant is the fifth biggest electricity producer in Poland and the biggest one in the south-east region. Its capacity equals 1800 MW in 8 power units, 225 MW each. The fuel used is hard coal, co-combusted with biomass, which means that the power plant generates both conventional and renewable energy.

Electrabel Poland specializes also in the sale of electric energy to industrial customers, electricity wholesale trading, financial engineering of the energy market, the sale of

energy-related services, energy fuels trading, industrial cogeneration and energy outsourcing.

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