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MAN Energy Solutions inaugurates new dual-fuel power plant in Benin

New 127 MW plant secures a stable and low-emission power supply – providing conditions for positive economic prospects for Benin

The ‘Maria Gleta’ power plant near the city of Cotonou, Benin, was inaugurated by Dona Jean-Claude Houssou, the Minister for Energy of Benin, as well as representatives of MAN Energy Solutions and BWSC. The plant is now fully operational and will supply the grid of Benin with 127 MW of electrical output. At the heart of the plant lie seven MAN 18V51/60DF gensets, which will mainly run on low-emission natural gas. The plant was built by a consortium featuring MAN Energy Solutions and BWSC.

“The Maria Gleta power plant increases Benin’s capacity for electricity generation by more than 50 per cent. Our country now becomes more independent of energy imports”, says Dona Jean-Claude Houssou, Minister for Energy of Benin. “Thus Maria Gleta provides the conditions for positive economic prospects for Benin. It is an essential part of our action plan ‘Revealing Benin’, centered around 45 flagship projects aimed at strengthening macroeconomic development, consolidating democracy and improving living environment for the people of Benin.”

The Maria Gleta plant is planned to be expanded to a total capacity of 400 MW later on as part of this program. During the inauguration the facility was also visited by a delegation of energy secretaries from the neighboring countries Burkina-Faso, Togo, Niger and by the general secretary of West Africa Power Pool (WAPP) emphasizing the showcase character of the project for the region.

Recently, the government of Benin has signed an agreement with TOTAL, a leading LNG supplier, for the development of a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) which will ensure the supply of the Maria Gleta plant with liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Maria Gleta combines low-emission power generation and security of supply

Waldemar Wiesner, Head of Region MEA (Middle-East Africa), Power Plant Sales at MAN Energy Solutions, adds: “We are very pleased that we are able to support Benin’s ambitious growth plans with this project. Maria Gleta ensures a stable and independent power supply for Benin. The plant will mainly operate on natural gas keeping emissions at a low level, while ensuring fuel flexibility through its dual-fuel capability. This combination connects an environmentally friendly power generation with a secure supply at all time.”



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