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MAN Energy Solutions is stabilizing power supply in Gambia

New engine power plant is increasing the generation capacity of the West African country by 20 percent

MAN Energy Solutions is supplying two MAN 9L51/60 engines for a newly built power plant in Gambia. The plant, which is operated by local energy provider NAWEC (National Water & Electricity Company), will feed a total of 18 megawatts (MW) of electrical output into the national grid, consequently stabilizing the energy supply of the West African country. The power plant is being built in Brikama, the second-largest city in Gambia.

“As in many African countries, a reliable energy supply is one of the most urgent challenges in Gambia. Only just under half the population has a reliable access to electricity. With the power plant in Brikama, we are now increasing the country's generation capacity by roughly 20 percent,” says Waldemar Wiesner, Head of Region MEA (Middle-East Africa), Power Plant Sales, at MAN Energy Solutions.

With an area of only about 11,000 square kilometers, Gambia is the smallest country on the African continent and its overall generation capacity of 100 MW still falls short of the demand of the 2.1 million inhabitants. “To safeguard the population's energy supply, NAWEC trusts the generation technology provided by MAN Energy Solutions for what is already the fourth time. After completing the new plant in Brikama, MAN is providing a total of 42 MW across the country, which is a third of the country's total capacity,” adds Wiesner.

MAN Energy Solutions has a long history of success in Africa

MAN Energy Solutions is currently involved in many power plant projects in Africa and has offices in Egypt, South Africa, Senegal, Kenya, Namibia and Nigeria.

“MAN Energy Solutions can look back on a long history of success in Africa. For more than half a century, we have actively carried out power plant projects in more than 30 African countries and have achieved a power generation capacity of more than 3.2 gigawatts,” says Wiesner. “In addition to the power plant in Gambia we are currently building further plants in Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Nigeria and the Sudan, proving the reliability of our power plant solutions in providing the population a stable energy supply.”



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