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MAN Energy Solutions and Bonatti to Collaborate on EDF PEI Bioenergy Plant

New Corsican 130 MW power plant to feature 8 × MAN 18V51/60 engines optimised to run on 100% liquid biomass fuel of plant origin.

A consortium comprising MAN Energy Solutions and EPC (Engineering Procurement and Construction) specialist, Bonatti, has signed a contract with EDF PEI – a 100% subsidiary of EDF (Électricité de France SA) that builds and operates power-generation facilities in the French overseas departments and regions, and Corsica. The contract covers the construction and maintenance of a new power plant at Ricanto, near Ajaccio, which will replace the aging Le Vazzio plant in late 2027/early 2028.

The plant will be equipped with 8 × MAN 18V51/60 engines and have a total capacity of 130 MW with which to supply the Corsican power grid.

Speaking at the contract-signing ceremony on September 6th 2024, Uwe Lauber – CEO of MAN Energy Solutions – said: "We are proud to be involved in this project with Bonatti, which will help reduce CO₂ emissions from power generation in Corsica. The Ricanto power plant will play an essential role in guaranteeing Corsica's energy security while significantly minimising its ecological impact. MAN 18V51/60 engines are specially designed to accommodate running on liquid biomass with optimum performance and efficiency."

Additionally, MAN PrimeServ – the after-sales brand of MAN Energy Solutions that already provides maintenance for several, existing EDF-PEI power plants – will provide maintenance for 25 years for the future Ricanto bioenergy plant. The long-term service agreement includes provision for spare parts, major maintenance, technical services and training modules for EDF-PEI personnel.

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Pictured at the official signing ceremony for the new venture (from left to right): Dr. Uwe Lauber, CEO MAN Energy Solutions; Frédéric Maillard, President EDF-PEI; and Andrea Colombo, CEO Bonatti



Graphical representation of the future plant at Ricanto (courtesy EDF PEI)

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