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Press release

SPIE Nucléaire will help build EPR, the third-generation nuclear reactor

SPIE Nucléaire, as leader of a consortium with Cegelec, has won a contract for the general electrical installations for the Flamanville 3 plant unit of EPR, the European pressurised water reactor. This €59.4 million contract was awarded by French electricity utility EDF, through the engineering department of its national nuclear equipment centre, CNEN. SPIE Nucléaire's €38.6 million share of this work will include engineering studies, procurements and installation on the site of the new first-of-its-kind EPR, which is an upgrade of the former PWR generation (pressurised water reactors). Engineering crews at SPIE Nucléaire were mobilised on January 8th, 2007, the very day on which the 33-month contract was signed and came into force. Work on site is to start at the beginning of 2009 and will last 34 months. At this stage of the project, 90 km of cable raceways, 1,500 km of cables and more than 400,000 connections are to be installed for this 1,600 MW plant unit which is scheduled for connection to the power grid in February 2012. This order is the fruit of more than a year's negotiations conducted by SPIE Nucléaire staff and rewards their determination to preserve the company's position as the leading provider of general electrical installations for the French nuclear power industry. Contacts

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