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ESSENT AWARDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR AMERCENTRALE POWER STATION TO STORK TECHNICAL SERVICES

Contracts for shutdown in early 2011 together with all regular maintenance for the following 5 years

Following a European tender procedure, the utility company Essent has awarded contracts for a range of maintenance works at the Amercentrale power station (Geertruidenberg, the Netherlands), to Stork Technical Services. The contracts are for a shutdown of Amer-8 scheduled for early 2011, together with all the regular maintenance activities in the following five years. The works awarded to Stork Technical Services relate to the Static Equipment, Rotating Equipment and EMRA (electrical, measurement, control and automation technology) disciplines.

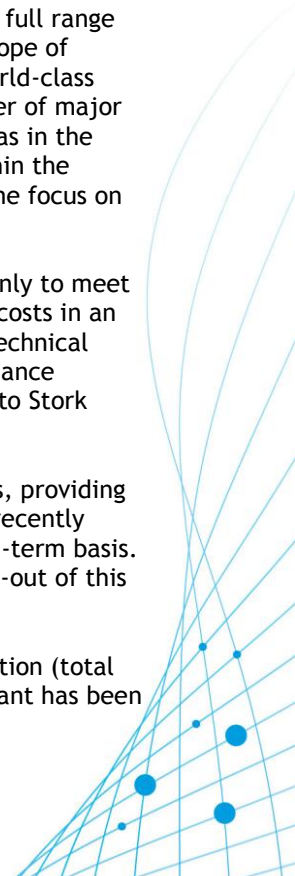
Optimizing asset performance and costs

These contracts were awarded to Stork Technical Services because of its ability to deliver the full range of disciplines required over multi-year periods. Evert Jan Witteveen Senior Vice President Europe of Stork Technical Services: "The new contracts underline the confidence of Essent in us as a world-class asset integrity management company. We have proved our capabilities in this field in a number of major long-term maintenance projects, for example the Integrated Services Contract for Shell ONEgas in the North Sea, as part of the AJS consortium, and our work for NAM in the Groningen gasfield within the GLT consortium. Now, based on our 'thinking and doing' approach, we intend to bring the same focus on operational excellence to Essent."

"Our expertise in asset integrity management enables us to partner with our customers, not only to meet their direct maintenance needs but also to optimize their asset performance and operational costs in an ongoing improvement process", according to Boelie Fokke, Account Director Power of Stork Technical Services. "Our successful tender to Essent included proposals for improvement of the maintenance process, and these were among the reasons why Essent has decided to award these contracts to Stork Technical Services."

Essent, part of the international RWE Group, is the largest energy company in the Netherlands, providing private and business customers with gas, electricity, heat and energy services. The company recently announced its intention to outsource its maintenance activities to strategic partners on a long-term basis. The contracts now awarded for the Amercentrale power station are a pilot for the further roll-out of this strategy.

Essent's Amer-8 plant (645 MW) is the larger of 2 units making up the Amercentrale power station (total 1245 MW), which supplies a large part of the south of the Netherlands with electricity. The plant has been in operation since 1980.



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Stork Technical Services is a global provider of knowledge-based Asset Integrity Management services for the Chemical, Oil and Gas and Power sectors. From concept through to execution - Stork Technical Services aims to help reduce risk, assure safety and improve environmental performance for our customers. We provide innovative solutions and integrate thinking and doing in the areas of asset integrity, consultancy, maintenance concepts, repair, renovation, new construction, relocations, services and other related complex projects.

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