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New Power Station Contract Signed!

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has today signed the contract for the provision of a new power station for Gibraltar with Bouygues Energies & Services SAS.

The signature of the agreement follows the award of the tender to Bouygues some months ago.

The price of the power station is £77m. This is inclusive of all aspects of the power station and the building for the operation of the station by the Gibraltar Electricity Authority.

An agreement for Operation and Management for the first 12 months of operation of the new power station has also been agreed at a price of £2m.

The agreement was signed for the Government of Gibraltar by Chief Secretary Ernest Gomez, who signature was witnessed by the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: "This is an important, red letter day for Gibraltar. We have now signed the contract for the power station and final design work now starts. We are looking to have the new station commissioned by early to mid 2017. We were right not to proceed with the previous administration's contract for a power station that burnt more polluting fuel and would cost more and incur huge fines for Gibraltar in respect of carbon emissions. This is not just the right decision, it is the right investment for our nation's future."

Note to Editors:

The attached designs were submitted by Bouygues at the tender stage. The location of the power station will be further east, on existing land, not just on the reclamation.