

Construction of wind power plants valued at 140 million euros is anticipated

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CAVTAT – Ivan Mravak, President of Management Board of HEP and Luka Miličić, President of Management Board of Dalekovod, signed an Agreement on joint construction of wind power plants valued at almost 140 million euros at the Electric Power Symposium held in Cavtat. Construction of wind power plants of total power of 100 MW is anticipated on several locations. “The first wind power plants are anticipated to be built by the end of the year 2008 or at the beginning of 2009”, announced Mr. Miličić.

Mr. Mravak pointed out that HEP’s annual investments amount to approximately three billion kunas. Construction of three electric power plants is underway: Hydro electric plant Lešće on the Dobra River, the first hydro power plant in the independent Republic of Croatia, and new blocks in the Zagreb Thermo-electric power plant- Heating plant and Sisak Thermo-electric power plant. Besides, two large gas electric power plants of 400 MW in Slavonia and Dalmatia are anticipated to be constructed.

Due to the diversification of resources, construction of a 500 MW thermo-electric power plant is scheduled. Mr. Mravak noticed that they were planning construction of a new nuclear power plant in future. He announced that HEP shall in ten years’ time sign a contract on construction of 400 kV transmission line from the Slavonian substation Ernestinovo to Pecs in Hungary and a contract with Končar on construction of a new national dispatcher center. Besides, construction of an underground cable for export of electric power to Italy is scheduled. Taking into account liberalization of the power market, HEP is planning to expand its activities to the markets of South-East Europe.

Due to a large increase in prices of fuel for thermo-electric plants and imported electricity, drought year and the fact that the price of electricity has increased only once in the past four years, by 5.5 %, HEP shall gain profit of ca 50 million kunas by the end of this fiscal year, which is significantly less than in the previous years.

Until the end of this year, HEP shall not demand any price increase; however adjustment of prices shall be carried out the next year, although it is not known when and how much, said the Assistant Minister of Economy, Work and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Željko Tomšić. (Željko Bukša)