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SUEZ Brazilian power plant to negotiate carbon credits on the international market

On April 23rd, the biomass-fuelled cogeneration plant of Lages (State of Santa Catarina, Brazil) owned and operated by Tractebel Energia, was “registered” as a **Clean Development Mechanism project*** by the CDM Executive Board.

To date, only 203 projects worldwide have reached “registration”, an advanced step in the CDM certification process.

Lages (which generates 28 electric MW and 25 tons/hour of steam) will reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by 220,000 tons of CO₂eq per year under normal operating conditions, and hence be entitled, during 10 years, to 220,000 Certified Emission Reduction credits per year.

The credits are tradable on the international markets; they can be used within the European Emission Trading Scheme.

The emissions reduction comes from the fact that the Lages cogeneration plant is using wood waste as a fuel, a waste, which was dumped in nature before the construction of the plant, hence producing methane (a powerful green house gas whose Global Warming Potential is 21 x higher than for CO₂) and releasing it in the atmosphere. This wood waste is now used for generating electricity and steam.

The sale of a portion of the expected Certificates is being negotiated with the Prototype Carbon Fund of the World Bank, of which Electrabel is founding member. The outstanding amount of Certificates will be sold on the market.

Suez Energy International is interested in developing projects with lower carbon intensity under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) framework of the Kyoto Protocol, where it fits with its general strategy and meets its risk/reward profile criteria.

*The Clean Development Mechanism is one of the three innovative flexible mechanisms defined under the Kyoto Protocol to lower the overall costs of achieving Greenhouse Gases emissions targets. These mechanisms enable Parties to the Protocol to access cost-effective opportunities to reduce emissions or to remove carbon from the atmosphere in other countries while contributing to their sustainable development.

Dirk Beeuwsaert, CEO of SUEZ Energy International comments : *“The Lages biomass plant is the first installation in Brazil to be certified through the use of wood leftovers for electricity generation. The benefits of this project are clear not only for the industry but also for the environment. This initiative fits exactly in the general strategy of SUEZ concerning Climate Change and creates an opportunity to trade CDM certificates with our European activities. As an industrial group, SUEZ is one of the leading players in the management of utility services in electricity, gas, energy services, water and waste management;”*

Since its creation in 1997, SUEZ has been concerned about climate change and has made constructive contributions to the development of solutions whenever possible. This process has also allowed the Group to build up expertise and experience that have allowed it to integrate the challenge of climate change into its business, without threatening profitability.

All business lines of SUEZ contribute to the proactive attitude for combating climate change.

- We strive to use the best available technologies wherever possible for the generation of electricity and heat with low carbon intensity and from renewable sources;
- we participate fully in the development of Liquefied Natural Gas,
- we trade in spot markets for Carbon allowances as well as fuels, energy and green certificates;
- we develop ambitious and technologically advanced projects in developing countries and are well suited to develop projects under flexible mechanisms;
- in our advisory capacity, we bring to our clients all of our institutional and technical experience;
- as a service provider, we are reducing emissions and ensuring optimum quality by operating facilities under long-term performance contracts.

Detailed information on this CDM project activity is available at

<http://cdm.unfccc.int/Projects/registered.html>

Detailed information about SUEZ' strategy on climate change is available at :

http://www.suez.com/documents/english/SUEZChangementsClimatiques052005_en.pdf

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