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£10 MILLION OVERHAUL WILL ENHANCE POWER STATION PERFORMANCE

A £10 million overhaul at a power station on one of the UK's main manufacturing sites will sustain jobs and enhance its efficiency.

The overhaul, on the Number 6 Boiler at the Wilton Power Station at the Wilton International site, will take four months to complete. At peak it will involve an additional 650 specialist overhaul contractors on site.

It will be the second major overhaul at the station – owned by SembCorp Utilities UK – in two years. Work on an overhaul on the station's sister boiler – Number 5 Boiler – was completed in March.

Around 1,000 separate tasks need to be undertaken on the Boiler 6 overhaul, taking a total of around 250,000 man-hours. SembCorp has once again chosen Darlington-based AMEC as its principal overhaul contractor.

Paul Rainbow, SembCorp's Boiler 6 Overhaul Manager, said: "It's another major step forward for our business. This work will enhance the environmental and operational efficiency of the power station, but most importantly, as with the previous overhaul we're hoping it will be carried out safely."

Preparation work has taken over 18 months and has built on the learning from the previous event. Detailed planning with AMEC has ensured all the specific safety, health and environmental assessments are firmly in place before the work begins.

Aidan Patton, AMEC's Event Manager, added: "We carry out a lot of shutdown work for customers in this area and are generally regarded by the industry as the 'best in class' when it comes to this type of activity. We use local people and resources wherever we can and concentrate a large amount of our time and effort on safety matters."

Wilton Power Station provides steam and electricity to the major chemical manufacturers on the site including SABIC, Huntsman, Dow, Artenius UK and INVISTA.

Like its sister boiler, Number 6 Boiler is capable of using coal and oil as a feedstock. The overhaul work will add to the station's fuel flexibility by giving it the ability to generate electricity from cleaner natural gas too.

The installation of 12 new 'low NOx' coal burners in the boiler at a cost of £4 million will also reduce emissions of greenhouse gases such as nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide at the plant and new blades in a turbine will ensure it generates electricity more efficiently.

Most of the work will take place during normal day working hours in order to minimise any potential disturbance to the local community. The safe completion of the previous shutdown resulted in around £7,500 – the proceeds of a safety incentive scheme - going to charities nominated by the workforce.

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