

NEW GAS TURBINE AND STEAM RECOVERY PROJECT SET TO ENHANCE SITE UTILITIES SUPPLY

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SembCorp Utilities UK is to invest £36 million in a project to enhance its supply of utilities at the Wilton International site.

SembCorp has signed an agreement with Aker Kvaerner Engineering Services Ltd (Aker Kvaerner) to provide the engineering design, construction and commissioning work for a new combined heat and power plant, encompassing a gas turbine and a heat recovery steam generator. Aker Kvaerner's contract value is £26 million.

The gas turbine will be capable of generating 40 MW of electricity – enough to power 40,000 homes – which will be used by a range of on-site customers. The steam generator will supply up to 162 tonnes per hour of steam to the site distribution system at Wilton International on Teesside, one of the UK's most important manufacturing locations.

Paul Gavens, Managing Director and Executive Vice President of SembCorp Utilities UK, which employs around 630 people, said: “We are absolutely delighted to be making this move at this exciting time for SembCorp and the Wilton International site in general.

“It is a huge vote of confidence in our people and our operations by the board of SembCorp Utilities and brings the total invested by the company since buying the business in 2003 to more than £110 million.”

The new project will supply the recently announced Ensus bio-ethanol plant and is SembCorp's third major investment in four years. It follows a £20 million gas turbine and heat recovery steam generator also built by Aker Kvaerner at Wilton Power Station in 2004 and Wilton 10, the £62 million wood-fuelled biomass power station due to start operations later this year.

Dave Ley, President of Aker Kvaerner Engineering Services, added, “Aker Kvaerner is very pleased to have the opportunity to build upon its long-standing relationship with SembCorp Utilities UK. We have core capabilities within the energy sector and specific project experience with SembCorp to draw upon. Our project team look forward to using our local presence, combined with our worldwide engineering expertise, to deliver an optimised technical solution to SembCorp Utilities UK.”

Work will start immediately and the turbine and steam recovery system is expected to be operational by the end of 2008. The project is likely to sustain around 85 jobs during the construction period.

The picture shows Mr Gavens (right) and Mr Ley at the site of the new project.



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SembCorp Utilities UK (www.sembutilities.co.uk) a subsidiary of the Singapore-based SembCorp Utilities, is the leading industrial utilities and services business on Teesside and one of the largest in the UK, providing steam and electricity to the major manufacturers on the Wilton International site, including Dow, SABIC, INVISTA, Artenius UK Ltd and Huntsman.

A wide range of support services include an industrial fire fighting and spill protection team, pipeline assurance and high voltage electrical expertise, analytical and environmental services, storage and warehousing and a contact centre. The business also owns and markets much of the 330 acres of development land on the near 2000 acre Wilton International Site to inward investors.

Aker Kvaerner Engineering Services Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of AKER KVAERNER ASA. Aker Kvaerner Engineering Services is a leading provider of both turnkey and reimbursable engineering solutions and life cycle services to the nuclear, water, metals, energy and process industries in the UK and worldwide.

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The parent company in the group is Aker Kværner ASA. Aker Kvaerner has aggregated annual revenues of approximately NOK 50 billion and employs approximately 23 000 people in about 30 countries.

Aker Kvaerner is part of the Aker Group (www.akerasa.com), a leading multi-industry powerhouse with more than 50 000 employees and NOK 80 billion revenues. Aker owns 40.1 percent of Aker Kvaerner, and the group is also a major European shipbuilder and a significant participant in the fisheries industry.