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Atlas Copco expander generators now producing geothermal power at Enel Stillwater and Salt Wells plants

Santa Maria, California USA, January 25, 2010: Atlas Copco Gas and Process expander generators in Nevada are fully commissioned and capable of producing enough energy to power a medium-sized city.

The six turboexpanders are installed in the Enel Green Power's Stillwater and Salt Wells geothermal power plants near Fallon, Nevada. The two innovative geothermal plants have a total gross installed capacity of 65 MW, will generate more than 400 million kWh of electricity a year and avoid more than 300,000 tons of CO₂ emissions.

"We are proud to be a part of this significant geothermal project and look forward to a continued partnership with Enel. This is one example of Atlas Copco's commitment to expanding our renewable energy product portfolio with a commitment to clean energy," commented Dre' Schmitz, President, Atlas Copco Gas and Process Division.

The Atlas Copco expander generators were manufactured at Atlas Copco Mafi-Trench Company LLC (formerly Mafi-Trench Corporation) production facility located in Santa Maria, California. The large radial inflow turbines are capable of producing up to 15 MW per unit.

The Stillwater and Salt Wells facilities utilize binary cycle technology that employs two fluids. The hot water extracted from the geothermal well is used to heat and vaporize a working fluid (isobutane in the case of Saltwells and Stillwater) that is completely contained in a closed loop.

The vaporized working fluid is expanded through the Atlas Copco turbines, which spin electric generators and produce electricity. The hot water is returned below ground and the isobutane leaving the turbine is condensed into liquid, which is then pumped up to high pressure. The isobutane is re-heated and re-vaporized, expanded through the turbine, condensed into liquid, and re-pressurized, always remaining within the closed circuit, ensuring no emissions.

Construction on the power plants began in 2007 and ENEL fully commissioned the plants in April 2009 with an inauguration ceremony.

Enel Green Power, established in December 2008, is the Enel Group's new company dedicated to the development of renewable energy sources. Headquartered in Italy, Enel is Italy's largest power company, and Europe's second-ranked utility by installed capacity.

A true base-load renewable energy source, geothermal power represents a significant, but mostly unexploited resource for clean energy. Currently the worldwide installed capacity is approximately 9 GW with estimated growth of 4% per year.

For several decades Atlas Copco has helped customers around the world unlock the vast potential of sustainable energy sources. As a result of its continued commitment to sustainability, in 2010, the company was recognized for the fifth time as part of the Global 100 list of the world's most sustainable corporations.

Learn more about Atlas Copco Gas and Process geothermal solutions at: www.atlascopco-gap.com.

Atlas Copco is a world leading provider of industrial productivity solutions. The products and services range from compressed air and gas equipment, generators, construction and mining equipment, industrial tools and assembly systems, to related aftermarket and rental. In close cooperation with customers and business partners, and with 136 years of experience, Atlas Copco innovates for superior productivity. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, the Group's global reach spans more than 160 markets. In 2008, Atlas Copco had 34,000 employees and revenues of BSEK 74 (BEUR 7.7). Learn more at www.atlascopco.com.

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