

Bosnian power utility EPBiH has launched a tender for the provision of supervisory services for the project for the construction of 450 MW unit 7 at coal-fired thermal power plant Tuzla. The deadline for the submission of bids is 28 February.

In November 2017, EPBiH signed a loan agreement with Chinese Exim Bank for financing the construction of unit 7 at TPP Tuzla on the sidelines of a meeting of the heads of Governments of China and 16 Central and East European countries held in Budapest. The net agreed price under the EPC contract is 722.35 million euros (without VAT). The maturity of the loan from China's Exim Bank is 20 years, with a 5- years grace period. The loan will cover 85 % of the investment, while the remaining 15 % will be provided from EPBiH's own funds. Preparatory works on the project started in November 2019. TPP Tuzla has 6 units with overall output of 715 MW. New unit 7 will be replacement capacity for units 1 and 2 (32 MW each), which have already been shut down and units 3 (100 MW) and 4 (200 MW) which should be put out of operation in 2018, but will most likely continue to operate until 2020. When unit 7 is completed, it will provide almost a quarter of electricity produced by EPBiH.