

Podvelezje is a 48 MW wind farm. This wind farm has generated its first kilowatt hours of electricity during the functional testing of two of its fifteen wind turbines, thus formally entering trial operation before its commissioning, announced Bosnian power utility EPBiH. The statement from the company reminded that the wind farm should be commissioned by the end of the first quarter of 2021. This is the first wind project of EPBiH and the second operational wind farm in Bosnia and Herzegovina, after the commissioning of Mesihovina wind farm (operated by EP HZHB) in late 2018. In June, EPBiH announced that the first of 15 foundations for wind turbines at its 48 MW Podvelezje wind farm project has been completed, adding that the concreting of all 15 foundations for wind turbines will be completed by the end of August. The construction of the first wind farm in company's portfolio started in early May. The contractor for the construction of the wind farm is a consortium of Croatian subsidiary of Siemens Games and Danish Wind Power. The project for the construction of Podvelezje wind farms envisages that the future power plant will have installed capacity of 48 MW and annual generation of some 115 GWh of electricity. This will be the first state-owned wind farm build in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the biggest post-war investment by EPBiH. The initial estimate was that the project should be finished by the end of 2019 and it will be operated under the 30-years concession contract, with an extension option. The value of the investment is estimated at 82 million euros and the funding will be provided through a loan by the German KfW Bank. Last year, project's manager Semir Nurkovic said that EPBiH expects to commission the wind farm in February 2021.