

## **Bosnia: EPBiH launched tender for preparatory works on TPP Tuzla unit 7 construction**

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Bosnian power utility EPBiH has launched a tender for preparatory works on the project for the construction of 450 MW unit 7 at thermal power plant Tuzla.

The works, valued at 9.2 million euros, include construction site preparation, removal of soil and demolition of the existing buildings. The deadline for bid submission is 6 February 2018.

In late November, 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.

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. The future unit 7 will have 450 MW of electric output combined with 300 MW of heat output, with annual generation of 2.75 TWh. When unit 7 is completed, it will provide almost a quarter of electricity produced by EPBiH.