

Croatia:HEP expects800MEUR binding offers for 500MW Plomin C at the end of October, Edison Italy - KosepSKorea and Marubeni Japan

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Qualified bidders can submit their binding offers for thermal power plant Plomin C by the end of October, so it cannot be discussed about the bidders' response or the offers details before deadline expiry, pointed out from HEP disproving the claim of the President of EkoKvarnerAssociation, VjeranPirsic, that only one company submitted a binding offer for TPP Plomin C because it was not possible to achieve efficiency with technology that was determined by tender.

Pirsic said that on the occasion of the Government last week's rejection of the request for an advisory referendum in Istra and Primorsko-goranska zupanija about TPP Plomin C construction, which associations Labin Art Express XXI and Eco Kvarner sent in May with petitionof 2,624"the citizens and visitors Labin" signatures.

HEP reminds that in late April this year submitted to the qualified bidders the documents for submission of binding bids in the process of strategic partner selectionfor theTPPPlomin C construction and management.

Those are three companies - Edison from Italy, KOSEP from South Korea and Marubeni from Japan.

"According to the request for offer submission, qualified bidders may submit binding offers by 31st October of this year and it cannot be discussed about the bidders' response or the offers details before deadline expiry", says in the HEP.

They add that selection of HEP strategic partner is conducted by the International negotiating process, in accordance with the EU's directive for the acquisition and that offers evaluation will be based on determined technical and economic criteria.

When it comes to the selected technology for TPP Plomin C, HEP emphasizes that all relevant technologies of clean coal were considered in the project solutions development and it was selected the technology on coal dust with supercritical steam condition, due to its high energy efficiency, the biggest commercial representation and high reliability of the existing plants of this type.

So, wanted efficiency may be achieved with technology that is provided by bidding documents, which proved equipment manufacturers and investors with a number of power plants that were put into action last year ", say in HEP.

In support of this, HEP reminds on assessment of ZeljkoBogdan, head of the Department for

Thermal Power Engineering at the Zagreb Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture and member of the Advisory expert committee to assess the impacts on the environment for TPP Plomin C. He believes that the main feature of conventional technologies, including those for Plomin C, is great experience, wherefore the operation deficiencies are minimum, and the plant reliability and availability are huge.

"The specific characteristics of the plant which was selected as a solution are related with fresh steam parameters (pressure and temperature), which represent the highest international standards (...). Primarily due to the high fresh steam parameters, the expected efficiency level of the power plant is a high 45-47 percent", this is Bogdan assessment that is transmitted from HEP.

At the end of July last year HEP began the process of strategic partner selection for Plomin C, seven companies showed interest, and at the end of September, HEP completed the offers evaluation and established the list of four qualified bidders for further bidding. On that list, with three mentioned companies to which was submitted the documentation for the binding offers submission, also was the Polish company POL-MOT, but that company did not satisfy all necessary requirements, that is did not submit all required documentation.

The investments value of TPP Plomin C, which would use coal for energy, is about 800 MEUR, it is planned to have installed capacity of 500 megawatts (MW), and it would replace the existing unit TPP Plomin 1, which has the power of 125 MW.

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