

According to tender documentation Serbian state-owned power utility EPS has launched, the construction of a system for the transport of coal and a system for the transport of ash, slag and gypsum within the construction of the new unit 3 at coal-fire thermal power plant Kostolac B, entails complex activities of designing, procurement and construction, control and commissioning, as well as proof of capacities, and that it is therefore necessary to hire a mining consultant.

The services needed are related to the operations and management, examinations and grading of studies and projects, supervision over the realization and commissioning of facilities, control of the quality of technical systems, devices and equipment and provision of consulting services in mining and environmental protection.

The deadline for bids submission is 15 June.

CMEC is a main contractor in the project for the construction of the third unit at coal-fired thermal power plant Kostolac B, which is a part of a larger project for the modernization of Kostolac B at a total cost of some 712 million dollars. The construction of unit B3 will cost 520 million euros and it will produce 2.5 TWh of electricity per year, thus boosting EPS' production capacity by some 5 %. Implementation of the project for the modernization of TPP Kostolac B was officially launched in January 2016. In order to finance this project, state-owned power utility EPS obtained a preferential loan from Chinese Exim Bank. The maturity of the loan is 20 years, with a 7-years grace period and fixed interest of 2.5 %. In 2018, it was estimated that the new unit will be completed by the end of 2020.

However, Serbian Government openly expressed its dissatisfaction with the pace of the project's implementation and quality of performed works. Current deadline for the project's completion is late 2022.