

Serbian newspapers reported that a steam turbine generator has been installed on the foundation of the future combined heat and power plant (CHPP) Pancevo.

The heating from this facility will be used for the needs of the Pancevo oil refinery, whereas the electricity will be sold in the markets of Serbia and the countries of the region. The installation of the steam turbine officially marks the end of the delivery of all the equipment the power plant needs. The plant should be put into operation in the autumn of 2020.

The construction of CHPP Pancevo, financed by Russian GazpromNeft through Serbian oil company NIS in which it holds majority stake, has officially started on 7 March. 200 MW power plant will be built within NIS' oil refinery complex in Pancevo, the project will cost 180 million euros and it is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. In 2015, Serbian oil company NIS, majority owned by Russian GazpromNeft, has signed an agreement with Gazprom Energoholding, a part of Gazprom Group, on the establishment of joint company for the construction of thermal power plant near Pancevo. In October 2017, NIS signed an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract on a turnkey basis worth 180 million euros with Shanghai Electric Group. It was initially expected that the construction of CHPP Pancevo will start in the second half of 2018 and be commissioned by the end of 2019. In March 2018, Italian company Ansaldo Energia said that it has been awarded a contract for the supply of gas turbines and generators for CHPP Pancevo. The contract awarded by Shanghai Electric Group is worth about 40 million euros. Ansaldo Energia will deliver two AE64.3A gas turbines, their WY18Z air-cooled generators and the relevant auxiliary systems.