

Serbian state-owned power utility EPS said that its thermal power plant complex Kostolac produced 5.39 billion kWh of electricity in the period between 1 January and 15 October, exceeding planned production by 1 %.

Production of TPP Kostolac A stood at 1.6 billion kWh, while the output of TPP Kostolac B reached 3.79 billion kWh. Unit 2 at TPP Kostolac B had the largest production with 1.92 billion kWh, followed by unit 1 at the same plant with 1.8 billion kWh of electricity.

Earlier this week, Serbian Government announced that state-owned power utility EPS has started the construction of the new 350 MW B3 unit at coalfired thermal power plant Kostolac, which will be built by China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC).

The statement from the Government said that the construction of the third unit is part of the second phase of a 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 billion kWh of electricity per year, thus boosting EPS' production capacity by some 5 %.

Kostolac TPP complex consists of two power plants - TPP Kostolac A (unit A1 and unit A2, 310 MW in total) and TPP Kostolac B (unit B1 and B2, 700 MW in total), including Drmno mine which supplies coal for all units.