

Serbia: TPP Kostolac, Overhaul season begins in March

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Record electricity production, which was achieved last year in Kostolac Thermal power plants were influenced by well done repairs and modernization-overhaul cycle, which reflected the high reliability of thermal power plants .

Good work is possible because of adequate planning, which resulted in good investments, well done repairs and great action. The Subsidiary "TE - KO Kostolac" have already started preparing for this year's repairs, on the mine and in the thermal power plants, although the business plan has not been adopted yet. At this point it is likely to stop the unit B1 in TPP "Kostolac B" in early March, which will enter into nine-month revitalization. It is expected the arrival of a large number of contractors, among others, the Chinese workers, who will work on the unit revitalization and the construction of new desulphurization system. Equipment production is in progress, a part is being done in companies in China by subcontractors of "CMEC", a part of Serbia and European companies. After revitalization the unit B1, it is expected that its forces would also reach 350 megawatts, which unit B2 has now.

In addition to the revitalization of unit B1, repairs on other three thermal units in Kostolac will be carried out also this year. As for the open pit mine "Drmno" also has been completed overhaul plan and the entry of the first machine is scheduled for early April, when it is scheduled start of repair activities on fifth ECS system. All systems in the past year worked with maximum capacity and reliability was raised to a high level. From this year's most important overhauls are plants refreshments, although funding for this purpose in 2014th are fewer than required, plan in this company.

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