

PRESS RELEASE

KPDC announces the groundbreaking ceremony launching the construction works of Cameroon's first gas-fired plant at Mpolongwe-Kribi (216 MW)

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Kribi Power Development Company, KPDC, an AES company, is pleased to announce that Mr. Philemon Yang, Prime Minister, Head of Government, personal representative of the Head of State, will this Friday 19 March 2010 at 10h, lay the foundation stone launching the construction works of Cameroon's first ever gas-fired plant, in presence of a numerous delegation from AES led by Mr. Andrew Vesey, President of the Latin America and Africa region.

Situated in the Mpolongwe village 9km from Kribi, and covering a 16-hectar site, the power plant will operate 13 units of 16,6 MW each. Generated energy will be evacuated towards Edea-Mangombe through a 100km line.

The 216-MW project which is due to last for 23 months will cost around CFAF 170 billions.

The Kribi power plant will generate electricity from natural gas supplied by the Cameroon National Oil Company (SNH) in accordance with the gas supply agreement signed in January 2009.

The Kribi natural-gas-fired plant is a project of KPDC, **Kribi Power Development Company**, a company of the AES Group, strategic partner of the Government of Cameroon.

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