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Pioneering technology earns Hitachi Zosen Inova success in the UK

Hitachi Zosen Inova to build a CHF 330 million multifuel generation plant in Ferrybridge, Yorkshire (UK)

Zurich, 5th April 2012 – Hitachi Zosen Inova is to act as general contractor in the construction of a multifuel plant at SSE's Ferrybridge power station in West Yorkshire that will generate electricity by thermal waste treatment. The project is worth a total of CHF 330 million. With this newly awarded contract, Hitachi Zosen Inova – formed from the former Von Roll Inova – is further expanding its leading position as a turnkey supplier of thermal waste treatment plants in the UK.

The client for the new plant is Ferrybridge Multifuel Energy Ltd, a joint venture between SSE plc and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. SSE is one of the leading energy utilities in the UK, while Wheelabrator Technologies is a US international owner and operator of energy-from-waste plants. Hitachi Zosen Inova was chosen for the construction of the facility in Ferrybridge thanks to its comprehensive experience and references from comparable turn key projects.

The new plant, which has received Section 36 consent by the Department of Energy & Climate Change following intensive environmental impact assessments, will be built on the site of the existing coal-fired power station in Ferrybridge. Construction will start in late 2012, and will be concluded in early 2015.

The multifuel facility will primarily be supplied with fuel from the Yorkshire region, and in particular from the local councils in Barnsley, Rotherham, and Doncaster. Due to pioneering technology, so-called multifuel firing combustion plants can process various types of fuel simultaneously and in Ferrybridge the design allows for up to 42 tonnes per hour to be processed in each of the two process lines. The energy generated by the 68 MW plant will be fed into the grid in the form of electricity, with an option to export heat if there is a local demand.

SSE's Managing Director of Generation, Paul Smith, said:

«The transactions that make up this project represent a strong partnership between four major players in the multifuel sector, who are committed to making a serious level of investment in this technology. Between them the companies involved have extensive experience

in sourcing and processing waste, constructing and commissioning multifuel technologies, and operating generation plant. This partnership creates a great platform to develop multifuel technology in future.»

Tony McShane, Project Director at HZI said:

«We are very proud that SSE / Wheelabrator have awarded this prestigious project to Hitachi Zosen Inova. We believe that our continuous investment in enhanced technology coupled with our track record of successful turn-key project delivery were major factors in the decision making of SSE and Wheelabrator.»

Managing Director of Wheelabrator Technologies in the UK, Gary Aguinaga, said:

«Wheelabrator is delighted to reach contractual close with SSE to design, build and operate a modern multifuel facility at the Ferrybridge site in West Yorkshire. We are committed to forming strong partnerships as we continue to expand our operations across the UK and Europe. Through the Multifuel Energy joint venture, we are combining our expertise and experience to deliver a state-of -the-art facility which will provide significant amounts of clean energy.»

The contract to build the modern multifuel plant marks Hitachi Zosen Inova's fifth project in the UK. Plants in Cleveland, Newhaven and Riverside, built by the company, in some cases under its former name of Von Roll Inova, are already in operation, and the extension of the Cleveland facility will be completed in 2013. The Swiss leader in EfW technology has thus displayed impressive continuity in its ability to deliver innovation and successfully tap into markets under the new ownership of the technology group Hitachi Zosen Corporation.

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About multifuel and energy from waste technologies:

Multifuel and Energy from Waste (EfW) facilities are modern, tried and tested technologies which use waste as fuel to generate power all over the world. There are currently over 440 plants in Europe and more than 20 in the UK. Such facilities are tightly regulated by the Environment Agency.

About Hitachi Zosen Inova – Waste is our Energy:

Zurich-based Hitachi Zosen Inova is one of the leading internationally active specialists in energy-from-waste- installations. Formed from the former Von Roll Inova, the company offers its customers reliable, customized thermal waste processing solutions. With more than 75 years of experience and over 470 reference installations worldwide, Hitachi Zosen Inova provides a comprehensive range of services from development and design, planning, construction and project management for individual lots and complete installations, right through to maintenance and modernization. Since 2011, Hitachi Zosen Inova has been part of the global industrial group Hitachi Zosen Corporation. To find out more, please visit our website at www.hz-inova.com

About SSE plc:

SSE plc is one of the UK's leading energy companies, involved in the generation, distribution and supply of electricity and in the extraction, storage, distribution and supply of gas. Its core purpose is to provide the energy people need in a reliable and sustainable way. It supplies energy and home services to over 10 million customers throughout Great Britain and Ireland, is frequently ranked number one for customer satisfaction* and is the UK's leading generator of electricity from renewable sources. SSE is the UK's largest non-nuclear electricity generator with over 11,300 MW of electricity generation capacity in the UK and Ireland, from the most diverse portfolio of power stations. It is also the leading generator of electricity from renewable resources with a total generation capacity of over 2,500 MW.

About Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. :

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a leading developer, owner and operator of EfW facilities for over 37 years. Today, Wheelabrator currently owns and/or operates 22 energy facilities in the United States, 17 of which are EfW facilities. It has also recently acquired part of a business in China which has three operational plants and a further five under development. Every year in the US, Wheelabrator processes more than 6.9 million tonnes of waste (over twice the Energy from Waste capacity in the UK) which generates over 4.5 billion kilowatts of energy. Wheelabrator also has extensive combined heat and power (CHP) experience, supplying heat and steam to municipal and industrial customers.

Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management Inc., the leading provider of waste management services in North America, with 22 million customers.