

Press Release: Break-through for cost efficient and environmentally friendly fuels in the Caribbean

EDF and Gasfin Development SA to proceed with front end engineering design and permitting for mid-scale supply of LNG for EDF power plants in Martinique and Guadeloupe

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PARIS, FRANCE, 14 January 2011 – Electricité de France, EDF PEI SAS, the power generation subsidiary of the EDF Group operating in the French overseas collectivities and departments (EDF) and Gasfin Development SA (Gasfin), an independent developer of mid-scale LNG and natural gas projects, today announced they have signed an agreement for the development of a project to supply natural gas to EDFs power generation facilities in Martinique and Guadeloupe. EDF and Gasfin will now proceed with the front end engineering design (FEED) and permitting of LNG and gas delivery infrastructure to support the transportation, storage and regasification of approximately 400,000 tonnes of LNG per annum required for the two facilities. This project will facilitate the provision of a long term, safe supply of natural gas to the facilities, allowing the existing heavy fuel oil (HFO) powered engines to switch to running on less costly and more environmentally friendly natural gas.

The agreement envisages the use of a new mid-scale LNG carrier and two purpose built LNG floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) allowing the facilities on the French Islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe access to natural gas for the first time. LNG sourced from one of the regional LNG terminals will be delivered by the LNG carrier to the FSRUs moored in the vicinity of the power plants. The LNG will be stored and regasified on the FSRUs, and then sent to the respective power generation facilities via a short subsea pipeline.

In both Guadeloupe and Martinique, the project will allow existing diesel engines to switch from burning HFO to burning natural gas. In addition to realising material cost savings, this switch will mean a reduction in CO₂ and NO_x emissions from the plants of up to 30% and 85% respectively. Sulphur and particulates emissions will be virtually eliminated. When implemented, this project will be a world first in terms of using integrated, right-sized, floating LNG infrastructure to facilitate economically viable international deliveries of LNG and supply natural gas to markets of this size which presently do not have a viable means of accessing international LNG markets.

Commenting on the decision to progress with the FEED and permitting for the project, the EDF Project Manager Vincent Baslé said:

“EDF is pleased to embark on this project with Gasfin to improve the environmental and economic performance of the generation assets in Martinique and Guadeloupe. When in operation, this project

will achieve environmental credentials previously unattainable for electricity generation assets of this scale that are remote from the large scale international LNG and gas markets.”

Roland Fisher, CEO of Gasfin Development SA commented:

“We are delighted to be working with EDF on this ground-breaking project. By virtue of our engineering heritage, we have known for several years that by right sizing the LNG infrastructure we could establish viable, natural gas supply to smaller stranded markets. As a project developer we aimed to realise this belief and after an exhaustive due diligence process with EDF, we are excited at the opportunity to make this vision a reality.”

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About Gasfin

Gasfin is an independent developer and operator of mid-scale LNG solutions across the LNG infrastructure chain from liquefaction to shipping, storage, regasification and local distribution. Gasfin provides infrastructure solutions under long term fixed price contracts which can be structured to include or exclude gas supply. Mid-scale LNG systems are defined as those designed for throughput of approximately 10,000 to 1 million tonnes of LNG per annum (approximately 10MW-1,000MW electricity generation equivalent). Leveraging primarily the expertise of fellow group companies and leading EPC contracting firms TGE Gas Engineering GmbH and TGE Marine AG, Gasfin possesses all the required resources to scope, configure, negotiate, finance, deliver and operate green-field mid-scale LNG infrastructure. For further information, please visit www.gasfin.net.