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Record order from Honduras: MAN B&W Diesel supplies 230 MW of electricity

The MAN B&W Diesel Group has received the largest single order in the company's history – a 230 MW diesel power station to be built in Honduras comprising 13 engines 18V48/60.

The order was placed by EMCE / ENERSA, a strong regional player in the power and telecommunications sector of Central America. With completion of the new 230 MW "Choloma III" power plant, EMCE / ENERSA will be the largest private electricity generator for the Honduras national energy agency ENEE. The total investment volume in the project will be approximately 165 million US-Dollars.

The project was awarded under an emergency Presidential Decree in response to an impending power shortage forecast for Honduras, beginning in early 2004, due to deteriorating capabilities of the major hydro installation and lower rain fall levels.

The ENERSA and MAN B&W Diesel team presented the Honduran government with a fast track low cost solution to both avoid next year's power shortage and meet the long term electricity needs of the country. The power plant will be built in two phases, with the first 85 MW coming on line by March 31, 2004 and the balance approximately one year later. For the Government of Honduras, having the Phase 1 generating power in less than six months, means uninterrupted energy supplies for the growing economy, and less reliance on expensive imported and temporary power.

Dr. Hans.-J. Schulte, Executive Board Chairman of the MAN B&W Diesel Group: "This project highlights the fact that Central America and the Caribbean stationary power will continue to be an extremely important market sector for MAN B&W Diesel. Central America's heavy dependence on hydro power, which is highly susceptible to climatic changes must be balanced with investment in reliable thermal generation, such as diesel power stations with their high efficiency, if inexpensive reliable power is to be secured for the future."