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## **SwedPower involved in phase- out of Ignalina**

**Vattenfall's consulting company SwedPower will be involved in the phase-out of the Ignalina Nuclear Power Station in Lithuania. The company is part of a consortium of European consulting firms that, following long and intensive negotiations, has now signed a contract for the deal.**

The project comprises management services for the close-down and demolition of Ignalina, block 1. SwedPower will be responsible for the following main parts of the project:

- Modernisation of Waste Handling and Storage for Solid Waste.
- Replacement Heating and Steam Plant.
- Modernisation of the Technical Documentation Archives.

Some ten members of SwedPower's staff will be involved throughout the project period. The work will be carried out on site at Ignalina and at SwedPower's offices in Sweden.

"This hi-tech project is one of several assignments in Lithuania. It will give SwedPower good references for further expansion in Lithuania and for international assignments in this field in the future," says Jan-Inge Gidlund, Managing Director of SwedPower International AB.

Over 50 companies competed for the project, including two other Swedish consultancies. The consortium that was awarded the deal includes, apart from SwedPower, the British company National Nuclear Corporation Limited (NNC) and the Belgian company Belgatom (Tractabel), which will be supported by the German company Steag. The contract sum for phase one is EURO 12.4 million (approximately SEK 120 million). SwedPower's share of this sum is SEK 27.5 million.

The project is being financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and the contract now signed covers phase one, which primarily concerns preparations for closing down block 1 (2001-2004).

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