

## Development of renewable energies in Senegal

DAKAR, Senegal – Engie has announced the signature of a partnership with Aner, the National Renewable Energies Agency in Senegal, to accelerate the development of renewable energies in the country.



The first part of this agreement involves the development of solar energy for individuals in multi-occupancy or individual housing. The aim is to study the initial deployment of these solutions to 11,000 households in the city of Dakar and its suburbs. The main focus will be on photovoltaic solar panels for the production of electricity and solar water-heaters for the production of hot water. Together, Aner and Engie will look into financing solutions for this equipment to facilitate their deployment to clients.

As part of this agreement, Engie also commits to market energy performance contracts (EPC) to industrial operators and the tertiary sector in large urban communities in Senegal. The goal is to reduce sites' energy consumption and help to balance the Senegalese electrical system. In Senegal, Engie will adapt the concept of EPC that it has used in all its industrial client and large tertiary markets around the world for many years.

The final part of this agreement involves Engie's participation in an industrial cluster to promote renewable energies, particularly by professional training actions and strengthening the local industrial network.

Isabelle Kocher, Engie CEO, declared: "Engie is aiming to use its technical experience and financial capacity to support Senegal's energy policy, in close partnership with local stakeholders. The agreement we have signed today reflects our

desire to be a major stakeholder in renewable energies and services in Africa and to solve the huge energy supply problems found on the continent."

In Senegal, Engie has been selected for the Dakar TER project in partnership with Thales for the design and production of infrastructures and systems, with a contract amounting to 225 million euros. The group is also involved in the Senergy project, a 30 MW photovoltaic power station in the town of Santiou Mekhé, scheduled for commissioning in 2017.

Engie has been present in Africa for 50 years, where it rolls out its electricity, natural gas and services activities. It is also developing decentralised electricity production for isolated businesses and rural villages, to achieve the global goal of providing 20 million people with access to electricity by 2020.

The group is studying possibilities for rolling out domestic solar systems and mini-networks, as well as the acceleration of the policy for solarising the power supply to telecoms towers in areas not connected to the electricity network.

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