



## **MAN Diesel & Turbo to build turnkey power plant in Kenya**

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The independent energy production company Thika Power Limited, a subsidiary of Matelec Group of Lebanon, has selected MAN Diesel & Turbo to build a turnkey diesel power plant in Kenya. The plant will be built in Thika City, situated near Kenya's capital Nairobi, and will supply energy to the Kenya Power & Lighting Company. The order is worth several tens of millions of euros.

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The power plant in Thika will be the first in Africa to use MAN's Diesel Combined Cycle product package and five MAN 18V48/60 four-stroke engines will be at its heart, producing 88 MW of electricity. The waste heat from the engines will be used to power a MAN MARC2 steam turbine, which will generate a further 6.8 MW of electricity. The combination of diesel engines and a steam turbine improves the efficiency of the plant, which will produce nine per cent more electricity from the same fuel consumption.

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"The African continent offers huge potential for our Power Plants unit," says Dr. René Umlauf, CEO of MAN Diesel & Turbo. "Our power plant solutions can help to bridge the existing energy supply gap in many parts of the continent swiftly and smoothly."

With its combination of diesel engines and a steam turbine, the power plant in Thika is a landmark project for MAN Diesel & Turbo in Africa that will create new market opportunities. Construction work in Thika is already underway and the plant is slated to come on stream in spring 2013.