Press Release

JENBACHER GAS ENGINE BUSINESS EXPANDS INTO TUNISIA TO ADDRESS AFRICA'S GROWING DEMAND FOR ONSITE POWER EQUIPMENT

As countries throughout Africa install more onsite power generation equipment to improve local energy reliability and air quality, Clarke Energy and GE are supplying three of its specialty Jenbacher gas engines for a new emissions reduction project at WAHA oil production site in the Tunisian Sahara desert.

The Jenbacher units will utilize an oilfield production waste gas, known as associated petroleum gas (APG), to generate additional onsite power and help reduce emissions at the site.

The project is the first order in Tunisia for Clarke Energy Tunisia, GE's newly appointed Jenbacher engine distributor, agent and service provider for this region. GE selected Clarke Energy for its Jenbacher business expansion in Tunisia based on its good experience with Clarke Energy as the long-term engine distributor in France and other countries.

"Clarke Energy's expansion into Tunisia reflects our commitment to provide customers with the fuel-flexible gas engine technology they need to help them meet their unique energy, environmental and regulatory requirements," said Prady Iyyanki, CEO of GE's Jenbacher gas engine business.

Clarke Energy Tunisia is delivering three of GE's Jenbacher J312 engines as part of its turnkey contract to install the APG-fueled power plant at the WAHA production operation, a cooperative project between Pioneer Natural Resources Company and Tunisia's state oil company, Enterprise Tunisienne des Activités Petrolières (ETAP).

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APG is produced along with crude oil that operators have historically flared into the atmosphere. By using APG as a fuel for onsite power generation, the project's operator—Pioneer Natural Resources Tunisia LTD—will avoid the need to transport diesel fuel over long distances to the site, thus delivering significant environmental benefits. In addition, utilizing the APG instead of flaring it into the atmosphere will help reduce up to about 40,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) equivalents in emissions per year.

GE's durable Jenbacher engines currently support more than 300 APG projects in a variety of challenging weather conditions around the world, ranging from the desert of southern Tunisia to the frozen tundra of Western Siberia in Russia.

In addition to the APG segment, GE and Clarke Energy Tunisia are exploring other growth opportunities in Tunisia and throughout Africa, including landfill gas-to-energy and wastewater treatment projects.

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