Whitegate Independent Power Plant



Engineers Ireland Site Visit 23rd March 2010









WIPP Project Summary

- Bord Gáis are constructing a 450 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (CCGT), located in Whitegate, Co. Cork.
 - At 450 MW, this is the equivalent of powering approximately 135,000 homes.
- Bord Gáis leased 25 acres of land from the adjacent ConocoPhillips oil refinery.
- The power plant and refinery agreed a suite of interfaces covering the supply of distillate, steam, natural gas and refinery off gas.
- The project is managed within the Investments Group of Bord Gáis.
- The power plant is being constructed under an Engineer, Procure & Construct (EPC) contract.
- General Electric and Gama (GE-Gama) were appointed as the EPC contractor.
- Bord Gáis appointed PB Power as the Owners Engineer.
- The EPC contract commenced in August 2007 and the Commercial Operation Date (COD) is July 2010. The Project is currently on schedule for COD July 2010.



Project Development

• 2005

 Bord Gáis and ConocoPhillips agreed to explore the potential for development of a power generation plant on 25 acres of land owned by the ConocoPhillips oil refinery in Whitegate, Co. Cork.

• 2006:

- Heads of Terms agreed for the long-term lease of 25 acres of land from ConocoPhillips
- Bord Gáis appointed consultants
 - Arup's for planning and environmental
 - Mott McDonald for engineering and design
- Submitted application to EirGrid for connection to the grid.
- Motts developed original layout and design of plant.
- Arup's developed planning application and EIS.
- Planning permission for the project received in October 2006.
- Developed Minimal Functional Specification (MFS) for EPC Tender
- OJEC Notices:
 - Owners Engineer
 - Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) for 450 MW CCGT Plant



Project Development

• 2007

- Appoint Owners Engineer: PB Power
- GE-Gama and Siemens tender for the EPC Contract
 - Tender evaluation process
 - Preferred bidder selection
- GE-Gama selected as preferred bidder March 2007
 - Main contract based on Fidic Silver
 - Plant technical deliverables agreed within the MFS
- EPC Contract signed with GE-Gama in August 2007
- September 2007, GE-Gama mobilise to site
- October 2007, site clearance works commence
- November 2007, commence construction of site offices
- December 2007, commence diversion of Glanagow Stream



Landscape Plan & Site Layout



Key Project Milestones

•	EPC Contract Award	Aug	2007
•	Site Mobilisation	Oct	2007
•	Civil Works	Mar	2008
•	Structural Steel Erection	Sep	2008
•	Mechanical Works Start	Nov	2008
•	Electrical Works Start	Jan	2009
•	Main Equipment Delivery	Jan	2009
•	Main Equipment Installation	Feb	2009
•	Electrical Back Feed	Sep	2009
•	First Fire Gas Turbine	Feb	2010
•	Base Load Operation	Apr	2010
•	Grid Code Testing	May	2010
•	Performance & Reliability Run	May	2010
•	AIS Commissioning (3 rd Circuit)	May	2010
•	Commercial Operation Date	Jul	2010
•	GIS Commissioning (4 th Circuit)	Aug	2011



BGE External Deliverables

•	Water Supply	Feb	2009
	Cork County Council		
•	Effluent Discharge Line	Mar	2009
	– DAFF (Foreshore Licence)		
•	Gas Supply	Apr	2009
	– Bord Gáis Networks		
•	IPPC Licence	Apr	2009
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•	Electrical Back-feed	Sep	2009
	– EirGrid		
•	Emissions Trading Licence	Feb	2010
	– EPA Distillate Oscarales		0040
•		Mar	2010
	- ConocoPhillips	•	0010
•		Apr	2010
	- Elicom (Fibre Optic connection)	N.4	0010
•		May	2010
	- Eligita	A	0011
-		Aug	2011
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EirGrid Circuit Routes





EirGrid Deliverables

- Back-Feed Cable
 - Scheduled July 2009
 - Current network line capacity is ~860 MW
 - Installed base load capacity by January 2010= ~1140 MW (450 + 420 + 270)
 - WIPP + ESB CCGT + ESB Steam Plant (ESB OCGT's not included)

• 3rd Circuit

- Scheduled May 2010
- 3rd circuit increases network line capacity to ~1290 MW.
- N-1 requirements has set grid firm access at ~860 MW: to be shared by BGE and ESB.
- Circuit operational May 2010

• 4th Circuit

- Scheduled August 2011
- Submarine cable order July 2009
- Submarine cable installation December 2010 to February 2011
- Circuit Operational August 2011



Gas Line & EirGrid Back-Feed and 4th Circuit Routes







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450 MW CCGT Power Plant

- GE Single Shaft Configuration (58% efficiency)
 - 9FB Gas Turbine
 - A15 Steam Turbine
 - Supplementary Firing
 - 450H Class Generator
 - SPX- Air Cooled Condensers
 20 fan units
 - CMI Vertical Tube HRSG

- 280 MW 150 MW
- 30 MW
- 19 kV
- 3 pressure, re-heat.

- Fuel
 - Natural Gas (primary)
 - Gas turbine, Supplementary Firing, Auxiliary Boiler
 - Distillate (secondary)
 - Gas Turbine, Auxiliary Boiler, Emergency Generator
 - Refinery Off Gas (ROG)
 - Supplementary Firing



Natural Gas Fuel Cycle for CCGT

Natural Gas

Bord Gáis Networks AGI

- Supply pressure 60 bar
- Filters and meters only; no pressure reduction

- Gas Reduction Station

- Reduced to 38 bar
- Gas Compressors available if supplied below 38 bar

- Fuel Performance Skid

- Filtered
- Heated to 108 degrees C
- Gas Turbine
 - 35 bar inlet to gas turbine
 - 57 tons/hr at base load (432 MW)
- Supplementary firing
 - Reduced to 3 bar
 - 4 burner units inside HRSG duct
 - 5 tons/hr giving approx 30 MWe
 - 50 tons steam to the Refinery





Energy Cycle

• Gas Turbine (280 MW)

- 55 tons/hr natural gas at full load
- Generates 2400 tons/hr exhaust gas @ 640 °C

• HRSG

- Exhaust gas @ 640 °C inlet to HRSG
- Exhaust gas @ 85 °C exit from HRSG at main stack (60 meters)
- Generates approximately 360 tons/hr of steam in HRSG
- Increase steam output to 400 tons/hr using supplementary firing

• Steam to Turbines (150 to 180 MW)

- HP Turbine: 340 tons/hr steam @ 140 bar (560 °C)
 - Steam Exits @ 29 bar (333 °C) to Re-heater
- Re-heater to IP Turbine: 340 tons/hr steam @ 26 bar (560 °C)
- LP Turbine: 40 tons/hr steam @ 4 bar (300 °C)
 - 380 tons/hr Steam Exits to ACC @ 0.6 bar (38 °C).
- Inlet Steam to Air Cooled Condensers (ACC)
 - 20 Cooling Fans (18 operational at full load, with 2 spares)
 - Condensate exits ACC @ 34 °C
 - Returns to condensate system



Major Equipment Deliveries

December 2008: -HRSG Modules (18 off) @ approx 130 tons each, delivered by road at night time. **March 2009** (300 tons) Barged - Gas Turbine - Generator (281 tons) Barged (320 tons) Barged - Transformer - HP Turbine (97 tons) Barged - IP/LP Turbine **Delivered in sections**

HRSG Structural Steel Frame



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HRSG Module & Lifting Frame Attachment





HRSG Module being lifting into position



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HRSG – 3 Modules in Position



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HRSG – Row 5 Modules being positioned





HRSG Module Installation



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Major Equipment Off Loading at ESB Aghada





Gas Turbine on Main Road through Village





Passing Under ESB Aghada Bridge on main road





Main Transformer transportation to site





Gas Turbine Passing Corkbeg





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Gas Turbine on Gantry Crane





Generator on Gantry Crane at Turbine Hall





Main Transformer on Positioning Tracks



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Gas Turbine on Centreline





Centreline with IP/LP Rotor In Place





HP Steam Turbine on Centreline





IP/LP Steam Turbine Top Cover in Place





Lagging of HP/IP/LP Steam Turbines





Model of Air Cooled Condenser (ACC)





Example of an ACC Under Construction





Construction Area for Air Cooled Condenser (ACC)





ACC Frame Construction











ACC Condenser Units Streets 3 & 4



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ACC A Frames for Streets 1 & 2





ACC Streets 1 to 4 Condensing Units Complete



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ACC Construction Continued





ACC Side Cladding Installation





ACC Construction Complete





Current Status

- **Operational to 70 MW**
- Steam Blowing Process nearing completion
- Next Stages:
 - Restore all steam pipe work
 - Steam to Steam Turbines
 - Tune to Base load (430MW)
 - Performance Testing
 - Grid Compliance Testing
 - Reliability Run
 - COD



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