

Corporate News

EnviTec Biogas ramps up first biogas plant in Italy

Feed-in compensation of 28 cents makes biogas attractive in Italy

Lohne, 31 August 2009 – Renewable energies are gaining ground in Italy. This also includes biogas as a sustainable source of energy. By the year 2020, the Italian government aims to cover 25 percent of the country's energy consumption from renewable energies, which are being supported with an attractive feed-in compensation. The feed-in tariff for biogas has been fixed at 28 cents per kWh in July 2009 and is guaranteed for 15 years – this is presently the highest feed-in compensation for biogas in Europe. In addition, Italy grants plant operators tax privileges, making the operating conditions even more attractive. Being the leading biogas plant manufacturer and operator in Europe, EnviTec Biogas AG (ISIN: DE000A0MVLS8) benefits from this market environment and has completed the first successful transactions in the Italian market.

In July 2009, the company from Lohne, Germany, handed over a biogas plant with a rated electrical output of 1 megawatt (MWel) to the operator, Volta Energia, in Volta Mantovana near Verona. All of the electricity generated here will be fed into the public grid. Liquid and sold manure from cattle farming, maize and whole crop silage are processed as input materials. In Volta Mantovana, EnviTec uses fermenter separation among other techniques. This process is managed in such a way that part of the dry mass from the fermenter is separated from the liquid phase, which is then returned to the process. The aim is to maintain a constant dry matter content in the fermenter by ensuring optimum energetic operation of the stirrers in the fermenter. Another key feature of the plant is the total redundancy of the feeding and mixing technology, which increases the plant availability even more. The total investment volume of the Volta Mantovana plant amounted to approx. EUR 4 million.

Another EnviTec plant with a rated electrical output of 250 kilowatts (kWel) is currently in the warm-up phase. The plant is operated by a farmer in Casaletto Ceredano near Cremona and runs exclusively on liquid manure and pig feed remains. Some 45,000 cubic

metres of liquid manure are needed per year, all of which is supplied by the operator's own farm.

"Now that we have completed our first projects in Italy, we have successfully positioned ourselves in this exciting market," says Olaf von Lehmden, CEO of EnviTec Biogas.

"Biogas is clearly gaining ground in Italy, and thanks to attractive operating conditions and lucrative investment possibilities, this also means new opportunities for farmers. We therefore project a positive market trend, which we will support with our technological and process expertise." EnviTec is already planning additional projects in Italy.

EnviTec Biogas AG covers the entire value chain for the production of biogas - including the planning and turnkey construction of biogas plants as well as their commissioning. The company provides the biological and technical service and also offers the full plant and operating management. In Güstrow, in the German state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, EnviTec build the world's largest plant for the production of biogas to natural gas standards with an thermal output of 55 megawatts. In addition, the company also operates its own biogas plants. Today, the company is represented in more than 15 countries throughout Europe and as well in China and South Korea. In 2008 EnviTec generated revenues of EUR 101 million and EBIT of EUR 3.2 million. The EnviTec Group currently has about 350 employees. Since July 2007 EnviTec is listed on the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

Special event: 8th EnviTec Biogas Conference on 4 September 2009 at the Umweltforum in Berlin. For further information, check www.envitec-biogas.de

Investor Relations:

Olaf Brandes
EnviTec Biogas AG
Tel: +49 44 42 80 65-118
E-Mail: ir@envitec-biogas.de

Pressekontakt:

Fabian Lorenz, Grit Pauli
HOSCHKE & CONSORTEN Public Relations GmbH
Tel: +49 40 36 90 50- 56 /-31
E-Mail: f.lorenz@hoschke.de; g.pauli@hoschke.de