

Mersen awarded electrical protection contract for Europe's largest solar farm

Paris, December 17, 2014 - Mersen (Euronext FR0000039620 – MRN), global expert in electrical specialties and graphite-based materials, has been awarded a contract as part of the construction of Europe's largest photovoltaic farm, due to be commissioned in October 2015.

This order by Eiffage subsidiary Clemessy, responsible for the farm's electrical connection, covers the supply of electrical protection components specially adapted for photovoltaic application: low-voltage switches, surge protection devices, fuses and fuse holders for a total of 200,000 units. These components will protect the upstream section of the solar farm between the solar panels and the inverter.

Mersen is an expert in the protection of photovoltaic installations through its Helioprotection® range. The Group has offered a solution meeting its client's stringent quality and traceability requirements. The quality of the components has been certified by testing carried out in Mersen's laboratories in Spain and the United States.

Deliveries have started and will be phased over a 25-week period. One of the key selection criteria for the contract was the Group's guaranteed lead times, based on the reliability of its logistics organisation.

The launch of this major solar project was announced last November by solar operator Neoen. The facility is located in Cestas, near Bordeaux in France, on 250 hectares and will have an annual generation capacity in excess of 350 GWh, i.e. the equivalent of the city of Bordeaux's power consumption. A consortium comprising Eiffage-Clemessy, Schneider Electric and Kinner has been awarded the contract for the construction, operation and maintenance of the project.

This contract illustrates the Group's positioning in major global projects and its key role in the renewable energy sector, and in solar power in particular.

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