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The Gibraltar Electricity Authority - New Power Station Generating Sets

The Gibraltar Electricity Authority is pleased to announce today the arrival of the six Generating Sets for the New Power Station aboard the MV Palmerton.

The arrival of the Generating Sets, each with a generating capacity of approximately 14 Mw, represents another milestone in the New Power Station project.

It is envisaged that the unloading of the Generating Sets and their transportation by a specialist heavy load contractor in to each of their individual cells, will take approximately 48 hours.

Minister for Education, Heritage, Environment, Energy and Climate Change, the Hon John Cortes, said: "The move from the old diesel engines to gas represents a quantum leap in power generation efficiency and environmental stewardship. The new engines, with their real-time monitoring of emissions, and the technology for clean emissions, will ensure that air quality in Gibraltar is better than it has ever been."

The Chief Minister of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: "This is an important day in the calendar of Gibraltar's power generation revolution. Today we receive the engines that will guarantee the security of supply that we have long craved and which this new power station and LNG terminal will finally deliver during the course of the next year. There is a lot of work still to be done, but the arrival of these generating sets is a huge step in the right direction".