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PRESS RELEASE

## AREVA TA: contract to design a low and medium level waste disposal center in Lithuania

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Following an international request for proposals, the team of companies headed up by AREVA TA was awarded a contract to design a near surface repository for low and intermediate level radioactive waste close to the Ignalina nuclear power plant site in Lithuania.

The project, funded primarily by the EBRD, includes the design studies for the repository and on-site support during construction. The repository will receive low and intermediate level operational radwaste and radwaste from the dismantling of the Lithuanian power plant, designing of which has already begun.

As part of AREVA's Reactors and Services division, AREVA TA has extensive experience in the design of such facilities for radioactive waste, or in providing support to projects for their design and construction.

Other team members include the French national radioactive waste management agency ANDRA, which will provide its expertise in this field, the Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI), which brings experience in safety and environmental assessment, and knowledge on national regulations, the company Specialus Montazas-NTP (SM-NTP), which contributes skills in geology, civil engineering, seismic design and mechanical design, and the company Pramprojektas (PP), which brings infrastructure know-how.

*"It is important for us to participate in a project of this kind," confirms Alain Gauvin, Marketing and Sales Director of AREVA TA, "alongside ANDRA and our Lithuanian partners. Bringing all of these skills to bear on this type of facility confirms the relevance of the industrial solutions we offer our customers for more than thirty-five years, solutions which go hand-in-hand with the safety and environmental protection requirements."*

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