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Taiwan: New Target Date for Lungmen-1

The Taiwanese power utility, Taipower, says it now aims to start commercial operation of Lungmen-1 by 30th April 2006 – nearly three months earlier than the official target date.

A company spokeswoman said that, following last year's parliamentary decision to resume construction in the wake of a supreme court ruling to that effect [see News No. 34, 31st January 2001], all contractors and sub-contractors had now resumed work as prior to suspension.

She said the government had announced target dates for commercial operation of 16th July 2006 and 16th July 2007 for units one and two respectively. However, Taipower was now "trying its best" to advance the completion dates further still.

Contractors were notified that work should resume on 15th February 2001, and Taipower immediately dispatched a quality verification team to oversee activities. The team, including representatives from General Electric (nuclear steam supply system), Stone & Webster Asia Inc (balance of plant), Hitachi (radwaste management system) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (turbine/generator set) carried out a thorough inspection and issued "no major findings".

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