

Australia's Pulse, China Government Sign Power Deal



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CANBERRA -(Dow Jones)- Australia's Pulse Energy has signed agreements with the Chinese government to build 11 biomass power stations, Queensland state Premier Peter Beattie said Friday.

Pulse, a privately-owned Brisbane-based company, will invest A\$160 million in building the 11 power stations, Beattie said in a statement.

Pulse has also secured fuel supply contracts that will facilitate at least 30 more power stations at an investment of A\$420 million over three to five years, he said.

"Pulse Energy's aim is to assist China in reaching their goal of renewable energy representing 15% of their total generated power," Pulse Energy director of business development Damien Weis said in the joint statement with Beattie.

Weis said the Chinese government had committed US\$180 billion to the renewable energy project over the next 15 years."

"We are going to be one of the first companies in the world to take advantage of new electricity tariffs in China, which are very favorable to biomass," Weis said.

Pulse Energy's renewable energy project will use technology developed by the federal government's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization to use sugar cane waste to efficiently produce power.

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