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Cyclife has completed the transfer of four steam generators from PreussenElektra; a major step for European nuclear decommissioning and recycling

Cyclife, through its subsidiary in Sweden, has successfully managed the shipment of four steam generators at once from its German customer, PreussenElektra. This demonstrates Cyclife's ability to handle such large components from the dismantling of nuclear facilities: a set weighing 1,200 tonnes, each piece measuring 20 metres in length. By completing this first shipment, Cyclife and PreussenElektra are pursuing a joint process started in 2021 for a responsible dismantling, treatment and recycling of large components from the nuclear industry.

A long-standing collaboration

The dismantling of steam generators are among the most important large-scale projects in the decommissioning process. In 2021, PreussenElektra (PEL) awarded Cyclife the contract for the evacuation and treatment of steam generators from several nuclear power plants in Germany, in safe and timely execution.
Cyclife is responsible for the entire process, from collection at PreussenElektra plants to the upcoming treatment and the future return delivery of the processed waste.
The project has required close cooperation with both German and Swedish authorities to ensure that all permits and safety requirements are met. Cyclife Sweden has successfully completed the transport of four steam generators from the Unterweser nuclear power plant in Germany to Cyclife's new facility in Sweden.

"*After several months of preparation and coordination, the four steam generators have now arrived at our facility, where they will be processed with the aim of recycling a substantial proportion of the material in our new facility which is doubling our treatment capacity here in Sweden. We worked closely with PreussenElektra throughout the project, from planning to execution, contributing expertise and resources to enable the safe and efficient transport and handling of the components*.", adds Delphine Servot, Managing director of Cyclife Sweden.

"*Following the successful shipment of the steam generators from our pilot plant in Unterweser to Sweden, we now look forward to working with Cyclife to transfer the lessons learned and experience to the upcoming steam generator projects. Upon reaching this key milestone, I would also like to express my gratitude to the on-site teams for their professionalism and collaborative spirit*." says Michael Bongartz, Member of the Board of PreussenElektra.

The dismantling of the steam generators is one of the key major projects for PEL's decommissioned pressurised water reactors. Steam generators are heat exchangers in pressurised water reactors. These large components produce the steam that turns the turbines into the powerhouse to generate the electrical energy in the generator. Ensuring the safe and timely implementation of this project will be crucial for rapid dismantling progress.

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Giving a sustainable future to nuclear industry

Through this assignment, Cyclife strengthens its position as a leading player in sustainable management of nuclear waste and demonstrates its commitment to the circular economy and long-term value creation for customers and society.
"*Nowadays, it is necessary to address the ambitious objectives of operators who want a safe process, from decommissioning to recycling, for a sustainable nuclear industry that respects the environment. We are proud of bringing forward the waste-led decommissioning approach to serve PreussenElektra from concept to final delivery*.", comments Estelle Desroches, Cyclife CEO

"Awarding this contract for our nuclear power plants was a strategic decision to accelerate decommissioning. This will enable us to leverage synergies across all sites and consistently apply the knowledge we have gained. With Cyclife's proven expertise in managing complex decommissioning projects, this partnership sets a benchmark for safe and efficient implementation," says Dr. Guido Knott, CEO of PreussenElektra.

About 20 years ago, Cyclife developed a process and facilities in Sweden for dismantling and disposing of steam generators that enables to provide a turn-key solution for nuclear operators on retired metallic large components and scrap metal. This includes the management of their transport from / to customer or final depository, the storage on Cyclife's site before and after treatment, a volume reduction up to 95%, the characterisation of secondary waste, associated analysis and conditioning of final packages, and eventually the management of metallic reusable ingots (characterisation, free-release and selling to conventional industries). To date, Cyclife Sweden has successfully processed more than 30 large components (steam generators, heat exchangers...) from Swedish, German, French and British nuclear power plants.

About Cyclife Groupe EDF
Cyclife is a company within the EDF Group, one of the world's major player in the energy sector. The Cyclife Group is a European leader in nuclear decommissioning and waste management. Cyclife Sweden AB is in a major growth phase and conducts nuclear operations in the Studsvik area in the archipelago outside Nyköping, it is today a company with just over 210 employees. The Cyclife group has unique specialist expertise in the decommissioning of radiological facilities and helps its customers to minimize the environmental impact of their radiological activities. Cyclife's ambition is safety combined with long-term responsibility for people and the environment, and to conserve our natural resources through a high degree of recycling. - www.cyclife-edf.com.

About PreussenElektra
PreussenElektra GmbH, which is part of the E.ON Group, employs around 1,500 people and is responsible for decommissioning eight nuclear power plants in Germany. Following the shutdown of Isar 2 in April 2023, all of the plants are now in the decommissioning phase. The workforce aims to ensure the safe decommissioning of the plants by 2040, while also creating new opportunities for value-added use of the sites. www.preussenelektra.de

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