

## **Assystem Strengthens Commitment to Uzbekistan's Energy Transition**

*Two new MOU's signed at the Franco-Uzbek Business Forum enable further collaboration on new nuclear power and grid modernisation projects*

International engineering, digital services, and project management company Assystem – a committed player in accelerating energy transition projects around the world – has signed two new Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Energy and the National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan.

Uzbekistan has a clear plan for the transformation of its energy sector with the aim of reaching Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050. This energy transition involves generating 25% of power from renewable energy sources by 2026, and utilising other low-carbon energy such as nuclear power.

Assystem is already supporting this programme through its Tashkent based joint venture, UzAssystem. In the MOU with the Ministry of Energy, a collaboration on the development of nuclear power has been agreed. This will draw on Assystem's 55-year heritage in the development of nuclear power programmes across the world. Possible areas of collaboration include (but are not limited to) Owner Engineering services incorporating site characterization and monitoring, environmental & social impact assessments, licensing support, construction management and commissioning.

A key aspect of this MOU will be formulating a strong training and development programme which will allow for the transfer of knowledge between the experienced nuclear teams in Assystem and local technical teams. This will be the beginning of a new skilled eco-system around nuclear power which will create high values careers in Uzbekistan.

On the second MOU, with the National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan, possible areas for future collaboration would be on the creation of an intelligent and fully digital electrical grid network. This will draw on Assystem's core strength in the management of data and application of digital tools and methodology to complex projects. This would be a transformative feature which could inform a dynamic and efficient system – suitable for growing economies with a high demand for electricity.

This MOU also covers the provision of training to support these new systems and on project management activities, where Assystem brings a strong reach-back of expertise from its wider group.

Stéphane Aubarbier, Assystem's Chief Operating Officer said: *"We are delighted to have made these new commitments with the Ministry of Energy and the National Electric Grid of Uzbekistan."*

*“Like Uzbekistan, Assystem is committed to driving energy transition, and through these new agreements we will be able to go further and take steps to plan the country’s first nuclear power programme, that will anchor the country’s new low carbon system. We will also advance the grid modernisation programme, which will play a vital role in managing the country’s safe and secure Net Zero energy supply for decades to come. ”*

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## **ABOUT ASSYSTEM**

Assystem is an independent international company with one main mission: to accelerate the energy transition worldwide. With more than 55 years of experience in highly regulated sectors with stringent safety and security constraints, the Group provides engineering, technical and programme management services as well as digital solutions and services to optimise the performance of complex infrastructure assets throughout their life cycle.

In its 10 countries of operation, Assystem’s 6,500 experts are supporting the energy transition. To achieve an affordable low-carbon energy supply, Assystem is committed to the development of decarbonised electricity (nuclear, renewables and electricity grids) and clean hydrogen. The Group is also helping drive the use of decarbonised electricity in industrial sectors such as transportation. Assystem is currently ranked as the second independent nuclear engineering group in the world.

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