## THE GOAL IS TO ATTAIN A 30% PROPORTION OF HUNGARIAN SUPPLIERS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW UNIT(S)

MVM Paks II Nuclear Power Plant Development Ltd. has launched a national supplier information programme. The series of events began in Paks on 18 November, where the management of the Company, by involving the Ministry for National Development and economic experts, provided extensive information on the effects of the project on the national economy, its future scope and the possible roles that may be assumed by domestic companies. It was stated at the meeting that during construction of the new unit(s), the goal was to attain a 30% proportion of Hungarian suppliers. The project of the century could give a significant momentum to the Hungarian economy and could increase the energy security of the country.

The series of meetings with suppliers of MVM Paks II Ltd. began with the participation of more than 100 domestic entrepreneurs and mayors in Paks. After the welcoming remarks of János Hajdú, Mayor of Paks, CEO Sándor Nagy informed those present about the current issues of the establishment of the proposed new nuclear power plant unit(s) and the background of the supplier programme. The purpose of the meeting was for the Company to provide first-hand information to Hungarian small and medium-sized enterprises, and large companies about the new unit(s).



'In the area of energy, projects are prominently long-term ones and set the highest quality requirements for participating companies,' said Sándor Nagy, CEO of the Company. 'Safety is given special attention, particularly in connection with a nuclear project, thus companies that wish to participate in the process of the establishment and operation of the new nuclear power plant unit(s) must provide no-compromise services. We have launched our supplier programme to allow these companies to get prepared for the required development in time and become partners of MVM Paks II Ltd. with success.'

The participants of the programme received information about the proposed preparation process, the required licenses, permits and the ratings, the special technical challenges, the

safety requirements of the nuclear industry and the details of the related quality management systems.

Construction of the new unit(s) and their subsequent operation may provide job opportunities for domestic companies and institutions over several decades. One of the most important goals of MVM Paks II Ltd. is to ensure that Hungarian entrepreneurs attain a 30% proportion of suppliers during the establishment of the new unit(s), thus the project could also give a huge boost to the whole Hungarian economy.

On behalf of the Government, the Ministry of National Development also participated in the opening event of the supplier programme. Those present received information about the effects of the extremely large-scale project on the national economy and the energy sector.

'The National Energy Strategy regards nuclear energy as one of the main pillars of Hungarian energy security, and in addition it may also have a beneficial effect on domestic competitiveness,' said György Jenőfi, Deputy Secretary of State of the Ministry of National Development responsible for economic affairs.

It was also stated at the event that, according to estimates, construction of the new unit(s) would require the delivery, manufacture and installation of several tens of thousands of tonnes of equipment and the use of several hundreds of thousands of tonnes of building materials, and the on-site work and accommodation of several thousand persons were expected to be ensured during construction.

The first stops of the information programme covering the whole country are being made in Paks, Kalocsa and Veszprém. After that, the information programme series is expected to continue in January.