

**UJD SR**  
Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic

**International cooperation of UJD SR in the area of new NPPs**



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- ▶ New NPP project in Slovakia
- ▶ International cooperation
- ▶ Update of national legislation



**1. NEW NPP PROJECT IN SLOVAKIA**

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### Facts about the new-built project

- ▶ New joint stock company **JESS** was established in December 2009.
- ▶ JESS owned by the Slovak JAVYS (51%) and Czech ČEZ companies (49%).
- ▶ Their intention to build a **new NPP at the Bohunice** site was clearly stated.
- ▶ There was the first official introductory meeting between the JESS and UJD in 2010.
- ▶ A rough **schedule for building the new unit** was presented (2011 – feasibility study, 2015 – construction permit, 2020 – opeartional licence).
- ▶ **No official proceeding/licencing** proces started so far.

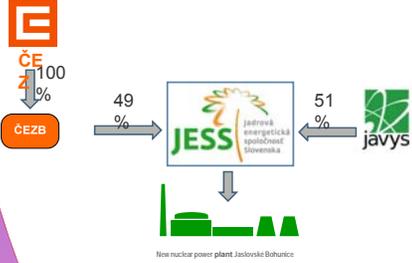
### JESS company background

- ▶ In May 2009, Slovakian company Jadrová a vyrad'ovacia spoločnosť, a.s. (JAVYS) and Czech power company ČEZ, a. s. signed the shareholder agreement enabling establishing a joint venture (JV) company for building of a new nuclear power plant at Bohunice site, Slovakia.
- ▶ JV company – Jadrová energetická spoločnosť Slovenska, a.s. (JESS) company was officially registered in December 2009.



### Shareholder structure

▶ JAVYS keeps 51% of the shares while ČEZ Bohunice, a.s. owns 49% of the shares in the joint venture.




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### Company Vision

Construction of the modern nuclear power plant with aim to produce the electricity safely and effectively in the shortest possible time.



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### New nuclear power plant requirements

- ▶ Selected area: Bohunice site.
- ▶ Selected technology: Pressurized Water Reactor
  - Lifetime min. 60 years
  - One unit
  - Electrical output between 1000 – 1700 MW
  - Design must fulfill the highest international standards
- ▶ Nuclear fuel will be delivered together with nuclear island.
- ▶ Not to build the prototype, the technology must already exist at least at the construction stage.



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### Bohunice Site



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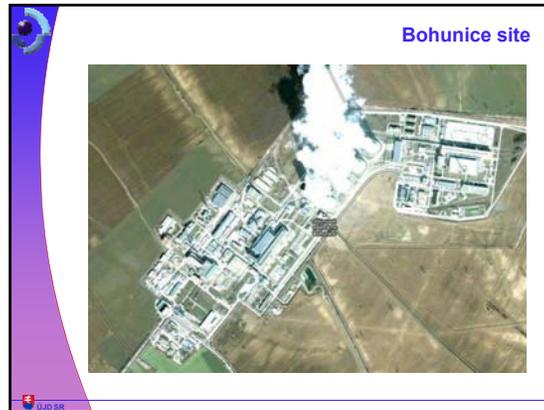
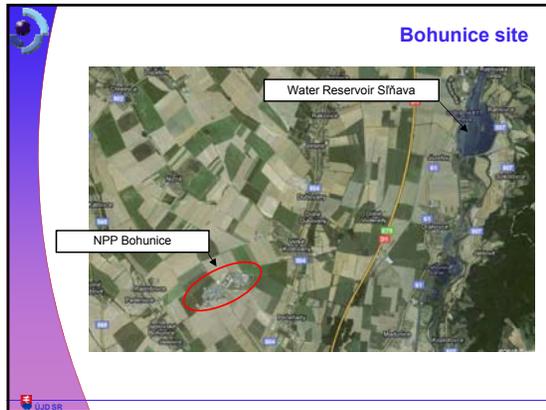
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- Key project issues**
- ▶ **Government Project support**
    - ♦ Government is major Shareholder through JAVYS company
    - ♦ Support in licensing process
  
  - ▶ **Legislation and licensing process**
    - ♦ National experience from ongoing construction of NPP in Slovakia (NPP Mochovce)
  
  - ▶ **Schedule – experience from other projects**
    - ♦ Preparatory stage – approximately 60 months
    - ♦ Construction stage – approximately 60 months
    - ♦ Comprehensive schedule will be elaborated in the Feasibility study

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### Current and next steps activities

- ▶ Exchange of Information with potential Vendors
- ▶ Elaboration of input studies for the Feasibility study
  - Grid connection study
  - Heavy Components Transport study
  - Geology and Seismology study
  - Water Supply study
- ▶ Feasibility study elaboration
- ▶ Zone planning activities
- ▶ Preparation work for an EIA documentation

### Exchange of information

Request For Information

Information packages (IP) from potential vendors

End of IP evaluation

Aug 2010    Sep    Oct/ Nov    Dec    Jan    Feb    Mar    Apr    May    Jun    Jul    Aug 2011

### Exchange of information

Project	Vendor	Evaluated
AP 1000	Westinghouse	16.12.2010
Atmea 1100	ATMEA	17.1.2011
APWR 1700	Mitsubishi	26.1.2011
MIR 1200	Atomstrojexport	18.2.2011
APR 1400	KHNP/ KEPCO	4.3.2011
EPR 1600	AREVA	18.3.2011

**End of IP evaluation – 1. April 2011**

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### Input studies for Feasibility study Grid connection study

- ▶ December 2010 - Preliminary analysis:
  - Possibility to use the existing grid corridors of decommissioned NPP V1 through newly built 400 kV switchyard
  - It is necessary to strengthen some of domestic and cross border 400 kV grids and to built regulatory and backup power sources
- ▶ Comprehensive assessment of new NPP connection will result from the Grid Connection Study



### Input studies for Feasibility study Heavy components transport study

- ▶ Heavy Components Transport to the relevant site represents significant logistical challenge which will be minutely evaluated in Feasibility Study.
- ▶ Optimal solution of heavy components transportation is combination of water and road shipment.
- ▶ There are transportation companies with experience of heavy and bulky components handling in Slovakia.



### Input studies for Feasibility study Heavy components transport study



Vendor & component	Reactor pressure vessel			Steam generator			
Length /m/	12,70	13,50	11,20	22,00	24,50	26,50	23,10
Width /m/	7,12	8,20	5,50	5,10	6,10	7,00	6,19
Height /m/	6,74	8,40	5,50	5,10	6,10	6,00	6,19
Weight /t/	408	530	330	465	665	560	782

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### Input studies for Feasibility study Geology and seismology study

- ▶ The preliminary characteristics of Free Field Response Spectra are as follows:
  - Peak Ground Acceleration horizontal      0.34 g
  - Peak Ground Acceleration vertical        0.214 g
  - Surface Wave Magnitude (Ms)            5.86
  - Distance of earthquake (r)                12,2 km
- ▶ This values was created by de-aggregation of the probabilistic seismic hazard computation for the logic tree
- ▶ Reassessment of these characteristics is actually in process.
- ▶ \*) RLE: Review Level Earthquake

### Input studies for Feasibility study Water supply study

- ▶ The Váh river forms the central axis of the Slovak river system.
- ▶ The Sĺňava reservoir was build on the Váh river for Bohunice NPP.
- ▶ Possible flow capacityof the water supply for new NPP is 5 m3/s and this is sufficient value.
- ▶ Specific conditions for raw water supply will be elaborated in the Feasibility study



### Feasibility study

- ▶ Objectives  
Evaluation and analysis of the design alternatives, suitability of the site, project organization and commercial conditions, financial and economic analysis before preparation stage.
- ▶ Feasibility Study structure
  1. Technical part
  2. Site information
  3. Contract approaches
  4. Project management
  5. Project schedule
  6. Project financing
  7. Project economy analysis
- ▶ Assumption of the Feasibility Study final version 12 month after signature of a contract with a Feasibility Study supplier

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## 2. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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WENRA

- ▶ WENRA = Western European Nuclear Regulators Association
- ▶ Network of Chief Regulators of EU countries established in 1999
- ▶ **Main objectives:**
  - ♦ to develop a common approach to nuclear safety,
  - ♦ to provide an independent capability to examine nuclear safety in applicant countries
  - ♦ to be a network exchanging experience and discussing significant safety issues.
- ▶ The first decade of its existence was dedicated mainly to **existing reactors** (harmonization).

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WENRA

- ▶ In 2008 the WENRA board decided to define and express a common view on the **safety of new reactors**, so that:
  - ♦ the public can have confidence that new reactors to be licensed across Europe in the next years will offer improved levels of protection compared to existing ones;
  - ♦ regulators press for safety improvements in the same direction and ensure that these new reactors will have high and comparable levels of safety;
  - ♦ applicants take into account this common view when formulating their regulatory submissions.
- ▶ In 2009 **WENRA STATEMENT ON SAFETY OBJECTIVES FOR NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS** was published.
- ▶ In 2010 a new working group on **Inspection practices** related to the inspections during construction of new NPPs was established.
- ▶ Our expectations from being a WENRA member: harmonization with European regulators.

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**OECD NEA**

- ▶ NEA established a **new Working Group** on Regulation of New Reactors (WGRNR) in 2008
- ▶ **Main objective** is to deal with regulatory activities in the primary program areas of siting, licensing and oversight for new commercial nuclear power reactors (Generation III+ and Generation IV reactors).
- ▶ The group is struggling with finding activities that would **not overlay** with other existing groups.
- ▶ Database of **inspection findings** during construction was created.
- ▶ Survey report on national practices regarding **siting of new NPPs** was published.
- ▶ Our expectations: to be informed about licensing practices in all OECD countries.



**Multilateral agreements**

- ▶ Annual meetings with regulatory bodies of Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovenia are organized.
- ▶ In 2009 a new activity was agreed among these countries – to cooperate and exchange information on regulation of new reactors.
- ▶ Poland was invited to participate as well in 2010.
- ▶ So far only formal initial steps were done without real outputs.
- ▶ Expectations:
  - exchange of information about new legislation in the area of new NPPs,
  - Share information and results of review and assessment of particular applications.



**3. UPDATE OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION**



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### Update of the legislation

- ▶ Based on the presented intent UJD commenced an activity in order to **prepare national legislation** for licencing a new NPP.
- ▶ First step undertaken in 2009:
  - ◆ comparison of requirements from a **pre-defined list of documents** with Slovak nuclear regulations
  - ◆ done upon a contract by a **TSO**
  - ◆ the aim was to identify and remove deltas compared to current standards



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### Results

- ▶ There were 22 requirements selected for the Slovak regulation on nuclear safety
- ▶ Examples:
  - ◆ External events for siting
  - ◆ Containment tightness during severe accidents
  - ◆ Fire safety analysis
  - ◆ Qualification of safety related equipment with respect to external events
  - ◆ Computer-based safety systems
  - ◆ Safety culture
- ▶ Separate topic: seismicity
  - ◆ A complete set of requirements was formulated that will be included in the siting criteria.
  - ◆ A Slovak safety guide based on the NS-G-3.3 DS422 was created.

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