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**Rosatom and the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic have agreed on the construction of small hydro power plants**

*An agreement was signed at ATOMEXPO-2024*

At the 13th ATOMEXPO-2024 International Forum, held at the Sirius University of Science and Technology in Sochi, Rusatom Service JSC (part of the electric power arm of Rosatom), the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Kyrgyzstan country office of Rosatom have expanded their green agenda cooperation by signing an agreement on the development and implementation of small hydro power projects in the country.

On behalf of Rusatom Service JSC, the contract was signed by its Director General Evgeny Salkov. The signatory on behalf of the Ministry of Energy of the Kyrgyz Republic was Minister of Energy Taalaibek Ibraev, from Rosatom’s country office, the document was signed by its Director General Dmitry Konstantinov.

The parties formalized their commitment to cooperate in the development and implementation of an investment project envisaging the construction of small hydro power facilities with a capacity of up to 400 MW in the Kyrgyz Republic. The agreement implies a mutually beneficial partnership for building a number of hydro power plants in various areas of Kyrgyzstan, including the Talas, Jalal-Abad, Batken, and other regions.

“The Kyrgyz Republic has a huge potential for developing small hydro power facilities and building hydro power plants. Given Rosatom’s in-depth expertise, we are able to not only build green power facilities but also create sustainable infrastructure and decent jobs in the region,” commented Rusatom Service JSC Director General Evgeny Salkov.

“Kyrgyzstan has created a good environment and conditions for international investments in hydro power facilities. I am confident that Rosatom’s long-term commitments to invest in the Kyrgyz Republic will also send the right message to the domestic investors. Investing in Kyrgyzstan’s hydro power sector is profitable and secure, and the republic’s authorities will continue to support the construction of new hydro power plants at all levels,” said Kyrgyzstan’s Minister of Energy Taalaibek Ibraev.

**For reference:**

The electric power arm of Rosatom is built around Rosenergoatom JSC, the country’s largest power generating company and green power leader. Rosenergoatom JSC has 11 active nuclear power plants as its subsidiaries and operates 36 power generating units (including a two-reactor floating power unit), with a total installed generating capacity of over 28.5 GW. The share of nuclear generation in the country’s power mix is currently around 20%, meaning that one out of every five light bulbs in Russia is powered by nuclear energy.

Rusatom Service JSC, part of Rosatom’s electric power arm, provides services to power facilities of various generation types. Rusatom Service has carried out projects for 48 power generation units at nuclear power plants designed in Russia in 13 foreign countries, both operational and still being built. The company is a leader in several markets and acts as the head contractor for plant life extension, maintenance and repair, equipment and spare parts supply, nuclear infrastructure, consulting, training, and industrial simulator-related services.

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