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SINO-RUSSIAN EXTENSIVE POWER COOPERATION STARTS

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Xingfu County, a county in Heihe city of northeast China's Heilongjiang province, was recently sited for the transforming plant of Sino-Russian DC Back-to-back Networking Project.

The decision, which was released from the site evaluation conference held in Heihe city, signified the formal initiation of the bilateral extensive power cooperation between the nations.

State Grid Corporation of China is to import Russia's electric power in three steps. According to the schedule, electric power for Heilongjiang power grid will be imported from Russian Far East power system till 2008, when the transmission capacity will reach 720 thousand Kws. Till 2010, power from Russia is to be provided for the power grid of Liaoning, another province in northeast China. By 2015, electric power from Russian Far East or east Siberia will be provided for Northeast China Grid Co., Ltd or North China Grid Co., Ltd.

Analysts reckon that power cooperation, a significant part of the two countries' cooperation in the field of energy, is to deepen their strategic partnership of cooperation. It is also important for China by ensuring its safety of energy supply, promoting its social and economic development, and protecting the environment.

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