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Export of Guarantees of Origin of Electricity Opened

Following the restoration of imports of guarantees of origin in December last year, the market operator recently expanded the functionalities of its system with the possibility to export guarantees of origin to other countries which are members of the "Association of Issuing Bodies" (AIB).

Based on activities of the market operator in 2016 (we informed about these e.g. [here](#)), the market operator has completed an update of its electronic system for issuing guarantees of origin in the Czech Republic (EZP, Evidence záruk původu) and after mutual tests successfully achieved a full connectivity to the international communications server AIB Hub.

EZP system users can now import and export their guarantees of origin to other countries of AIB. Specifically the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The list of countries with which it is possible to perform these international transactions is continuously updated in response to the gradual integration of new countries into AIB.

Ing. Aleš Tomec, Chairman of the Board of OTE, a.s., added to this: "We believe that these significant updates to EZP, which are an ending of an intensive yearlong labor of the market operator, will help our business partners in the implementation of their plans and development of activities in the energy market, and will also help market participants in the Czech Republic to participate fully on the benefits arising from this system of transparent disclosure of origin of electricity from renewable sources at European level."

EZP system is now fully harmonized with other systems of the countries brought together in AIB and is ready to provide users with comprehensive services in using guarantees of origin from renewable sources.

OTE, Inc.

Joint-Stock company OTE, a. s., (OTE) operates on the electricity market in the Czech Republic since 2001 and on the gas market since 2010. OTE provides comprehensive services to individual electricity and gas market participants. Since 2002 OTE organizes trading on day-ahead and later on an intra-day and block markets and since 2010 also on the day-ahead and intraday gas market. Among others OTE also provides continuous processing and exchange of data, information for clearing and financial settlement of differences between the actual values and the supply and consumption of electricity and gas and provides administrative supplier change in both commodities to the all market participants in the Czech Republic and abroad. At the same time manages the national registry of greenhouse gas emissions. As of 1 January 2013 OTE is responsible for the administration and payment system of OTE for supported energy sources.



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OTE is according to §20a of Act no. 458/2000 Coll., on business conditions and the performance of state administration in the energy sectors and amending certain laws (Energy Act), as amended, the licensee of the Market Operator, which includes the electricity and gas market in the country.

As of 7 October 2015 the joint-stock company OTE was established by the Energy Regulatory Office a nominated organizer of the electricity market (NEMO) which will provide a uniform interconnection of day-ahead or intraday markets. As of 7 October 2015 Market Operator also launched reporting on business data from OTE short-term markets into the database of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Offices (ACER) for market participants.

More information can be found at www.ote-cr.cz.