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TERNA ENERGY: Prime Minister, Kiriakos Mitsotakis, visits the Municipal Solid Waste Treatment Plant of Epirus Region

As part of his Epirus tour, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Greece's Prime Minister, visited on Tuesday, September 17, the Municipal Solid Waste Treatment Plant of Epirus Region that TERNA ENERGY has built and operates in Eleftherochori, Greece.

Accompanied by the Speaker of the Hellenic Parliament, Konstantinos Tasoulas, the Minister of Environment and Energy, Kostis Hatzidakis, the Minister of Interior, Panagiotis Theodorikakos, the Minister of Rural Development and Food, Makis Voridis, the Regional Governor of Ionian Islands, Rodi Kratsa, the PPP Secretary-General, Nikos Mantzoufas, and members of the county, the Prime Minister was guided by TERNA ENERGY executives at the Epirus Waste Treatment Plant. This particular project was strategically chosen in order to highlight the need for protection of the natural environment that goes through waste management based on modern environmental methods.

The Municipal Solid Waste Treatment Plant of Epirus Region, which commenced commercial operation in March 2019, is one of Europe's most modern waste treatment plants.

The project was implemented via the PPP (Private Public Partnership) scheme, with the Private Partnership Body (PPB) being Epirus Aeiforiki, a member of TERNA ENERGY Group, with the valuable contribution of the Special PPP Secretariat and the Epirus Region. The project was completed with an unprecedented licensing and manufacturing time horizon (of only 18 months) and has already received its first award as the project of the year 2018. The plant can process 105,000 tonnes of waste per year. Thanks to its state-of-the-art technologies, it is possible to recover 17,000 tonnes of recyclable materials per annum. In addition, it can produce 10,800 kWh of green energy per year to meet the needs of 3,000 households, while avoiding 12,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

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The project definitively resolves the waste management issue of the Epirus Region for the next 25 years, as it can be easily adapted to the future European Directives as well as the Greek legislation.

The total investment amounted to € 52.6 million while domestic value added approached 70%.

During its construction, 200 jobs were created, and another 70 permanent jobs will be created during its 25 years of operation as well as a large number of indirect jobs in the transportation, retail and recyclable materials management sectors.

Finally, it is worth noting that the Region's schools are already visiting the plant in the context of environmental education for pupils, thereby contributing to a change in mentality that identified waste treatment plants with hazardous landfills.

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