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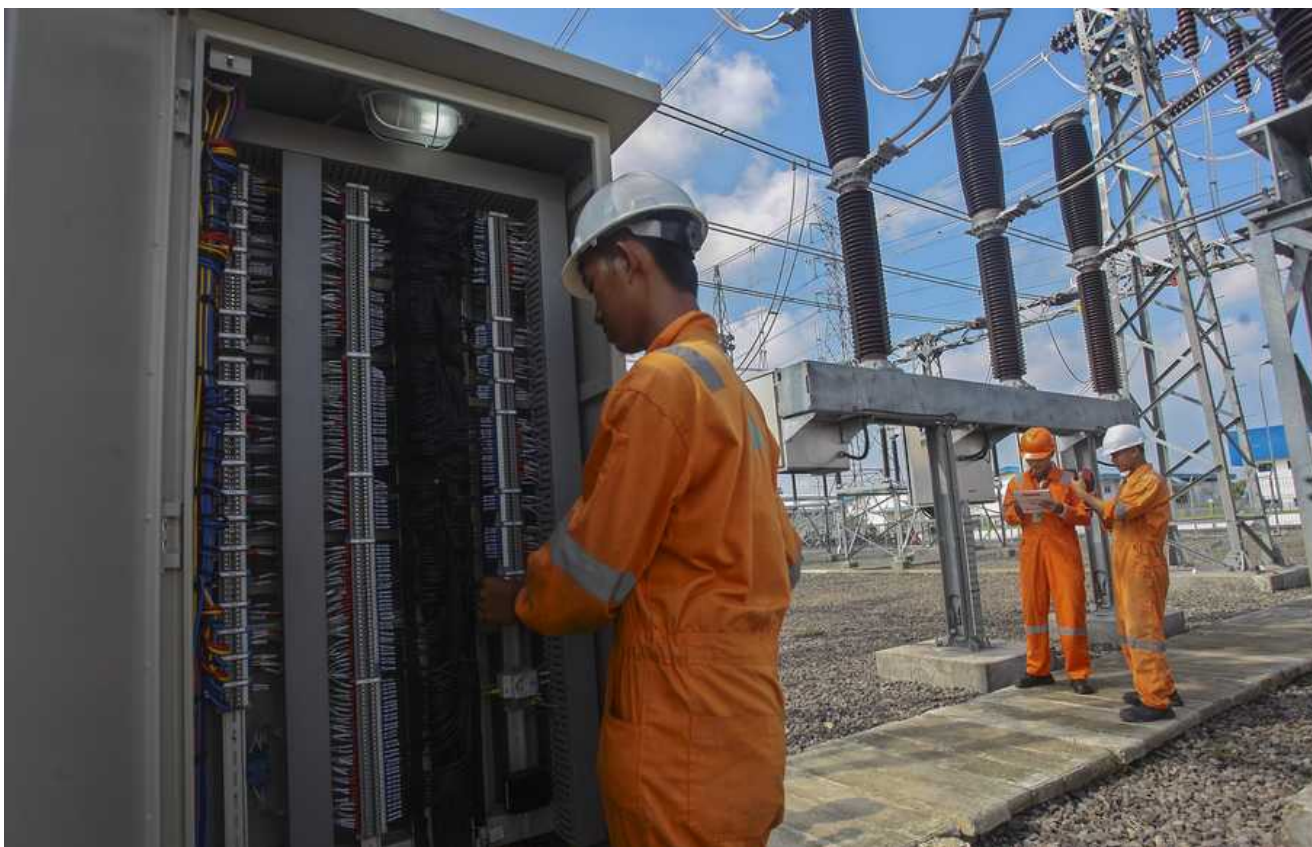


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Jakarta - PT PLN (Persero) and PT Perkebunan Nusantara XIII (PTPN) signed a memorandum of understanding for the sale and purchase of electricity from the by-product of the Palm Oil Mill (PKS) and the construction of a gasification Biomass Power Plant (PLTBm) in West Kalimantan.

The signing of the joint agreement was carried out by the General Manager of PLN West Kalimantan, Bima Putrajaya, with the President Director of PTPN XIII M Abdul Ghoni, Thursday (23/2). Located in the Learning Room of the PLN West Kalimantan office, the collaboration between PLN and PTPN is planned to last for 20 years.

Bima said that many power plants are ready to operate in West Kalimantan, some have been operating for a long time and alternative primary energy is needed.

"Therefore, this idea is realized with the implementation of the MoU. We also hope that in 2017 there will be further realization," Bima said in a written statement in Jakarta, Thursday (23/2).

Meanwhile, Ghoni explained, this cooperation is very beneficial for both parties. PTPN as an alternative energy provider for PLN will also receive benefits in the form of electricity services in both biomass producing locations. This collaboration is not only useful for both parties but more importantly, it is useful for the communities in both locations.

PLTBm which is planned to be built in Balai Karang and Balai Berkuak uses empty bunches, fiber, and oil palm shells as a source of fuel. PLTBm with a capacity of approximately 9,000 kW will provide electricity to both locations in the Balai Karang electricity system in Sanggau Regency and the Balai Berkuak electricity system in Ketapang Regency.



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The signing of this memorandum of understanding further demonstrates PLN's commitment to continue encouraging the use of EBT. That way, the electrification ratio target of 98 percent in 2019 and the target of the EBT portion of 25 percent in 2025 can be achieved. The PLTBm construction is also part of the 35,000 MW project.

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