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EURATOM - SIMEA SIGN

POWER PLANT CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 2 -- The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) has negotiated a contract with the Italian firm SIMEA (Societa Italiana Meridionale Energia Atomica) concerning the power plant which this company is building near Latina, 70 kilometers from Rome. The plant, which is already in an advanced stage of construction, is of the graphite gas-natural uranium type and has an electric power of 200 megawatts.

This contract, like the one recently signed with SENN, comes under Euratom's program for participation in the construction of nuclear power plants. Euratom's share in the costs of the SIMEA project amounts to four million dollars for fuel element fabrication.

Euratom will be able to assign members of its own staff or personnel of the other companies engaged in the supplying and the operation of nuclear plants to take a direct part, in collaboration with the staff of SENN, in the design and construction of the power plant. Euratom will also be able to send trainees from the various Community countries. Regular meetings will be held between Euratom and SENN representatives as well as representatives of other companies. All information acquired under this project will be distributed and, where appropriate, published by the Euratom Commission.

Eduard von Geldern, head of the Directorate General for Industry and Economy, signed the contract for Euratom, and Marcello Palandri signed for SIMEA on behalf of the firm's chairman Raffaele Girotti.