



Press release



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Cabinet supports new reactor PALLAS

The Cabinet views the realisation of the new PALLAS reactor positively. This was announced earlier today by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. An important condition for further progress on the PALLAS project has thus been fulfilled.

NRG director Rob Stol is delighted with the support from the Cabinet and North Holland province. “The building of PALLAS and the investment in the Higher Education Reactor in Delft are superb reinforcements to the Netherlands’ nuclear knowledge infrastructure. This is of great economic importance. NRG, and thus the Netherlands, has an extremely strong position in the world market for medical isotopes and nuclear technology research. With the coming of PALLAS, we will be able to maintain and expand this position.”

Paul de Jong, PALLAS project director: “The PALLAS project team has worked hard during the last three years on the preparation for implementing the PALLAS project. This decision means that we can continue with the next project phase. We are certainly ready for that.”

In recent months, the details of the PALLAS project have been studied meticulously in The Hague. An important departure point is that PALLAS’s financing costs will ultimately be paid back fully from future income from the private and public market (medical and industrial isotopes and nuclear technology research).

The European call for tenders and the licensing and permits process will be started soon. In the call for tenders, specialised parties will in the first instance be invited to submit a tender for PALLAS’s design.

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PALLAS

The PALLAS project involves the construction and commissioning of a new state-of-the-art high flux reactor, called PALLAS, that is suitable for isotope production and nuclear technological research. For more information check www.pallasreactor.eu

NRG

The PALLAS project was initiated by the Nuclear Research & consultancy Group (NRG; www.nrg.eu), a subsidiary of the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN) in Petten. NRG operates the existing research reactor, the HFR (which has been in operation since 1961), is active in the field of nuclear consultancy and is involved in the provision of irradiation services for the production of medical and industrial isotopes and nuclear technological research.