



## Press Release

### NRG extends PALLAS preparatory phase

**Petten, 2 February 2010 – NRG has extended the preparatory phase of the new research reactor PALLAS. The expectation now, is to make the final choice for the vendor by the end of 2010.**

A request for tenders for PALLAS was launched in December 2007, under the European competitive dialogue procedure. The offers were submitted in May 2009 and after an extensive evaluation, the INVAP-ISOLUX offer from Argentina/Spain was selected as the economically most advantageous offer. Whereas the financing process of PALLAS is still ongoing the project had to be re-scheduled and, in accordance with the procedure, NRG has taken the decision to discontinue the tender.

In the coming months NRG will develop and test the feasibility of various financing plans and will synchronise the PALLAS project with the availability of financial resources. During this period, the project support structure will be further organised. The extension of the preparatory phase will not affect the timing of the environmental impact assessment or the choice of location.

The construction of PALLAS requires an investment of several hundreds of millions of euros. The timing of the availability of the financial resources will play an important role in the project planning and therefore the date that the reactor will enter into operation.

The Netherlands, equipped with PALLAS a modern research reactor, will play a crucial role in innovative nuclear research for European energy supply in the coming decades. Additionally, PALLAS will play an important role in world healthcare with the production of essential medical isotopes for the treatment of millions of patients every year.

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