

HotRock - Press Release

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Drilling commenced June 2. in Insheim

HotRock has completed set-up and commenced drilling at its Insheim site, where it intends to build a geothermal power plant within the next two years. The site was chosen on the basis of the group's own extensive 2D-seismic reflection surveys. Along with the geological characteristics, the site also excellently fulfils infrastructure requirements for a geothermal project.

The geothermal power plant is planned to be run on a doublet system (injector well, producer well). The first deviated well will explore the reservoir. If sufficient water is found, the second well will be drilled, with a distance of more than 1,000 m between the end points of both drillings. Once the doublet is hydraulically connected below ground, the primary circulation system above ground will be completed, and the obtainable electrical capacity and the capacity of the power plant will be determined in circulation tests.

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