

# THE ACTUAL STATUS OF THE PAKS II. PROJECT

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# HUNGARY

- ▶ Population: 10 million
- ▶ Area: 93 030 km<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Four VVER-440 units (4x500 MWe)



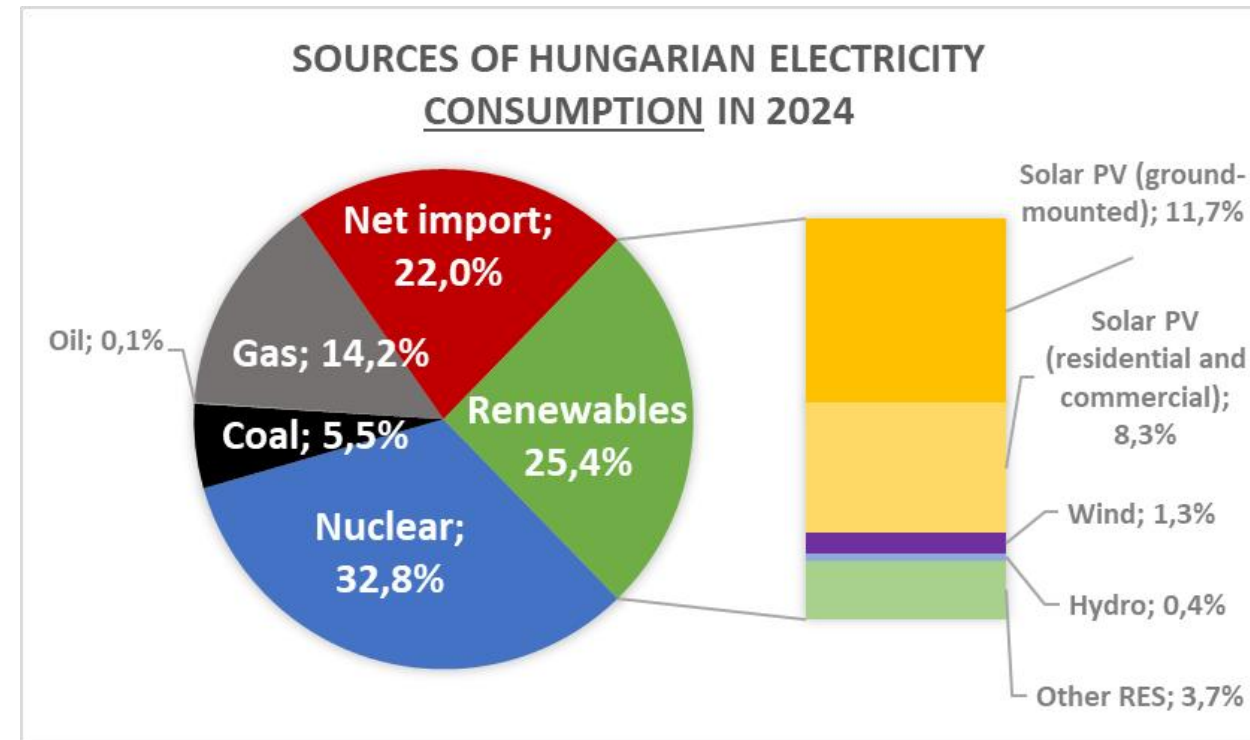
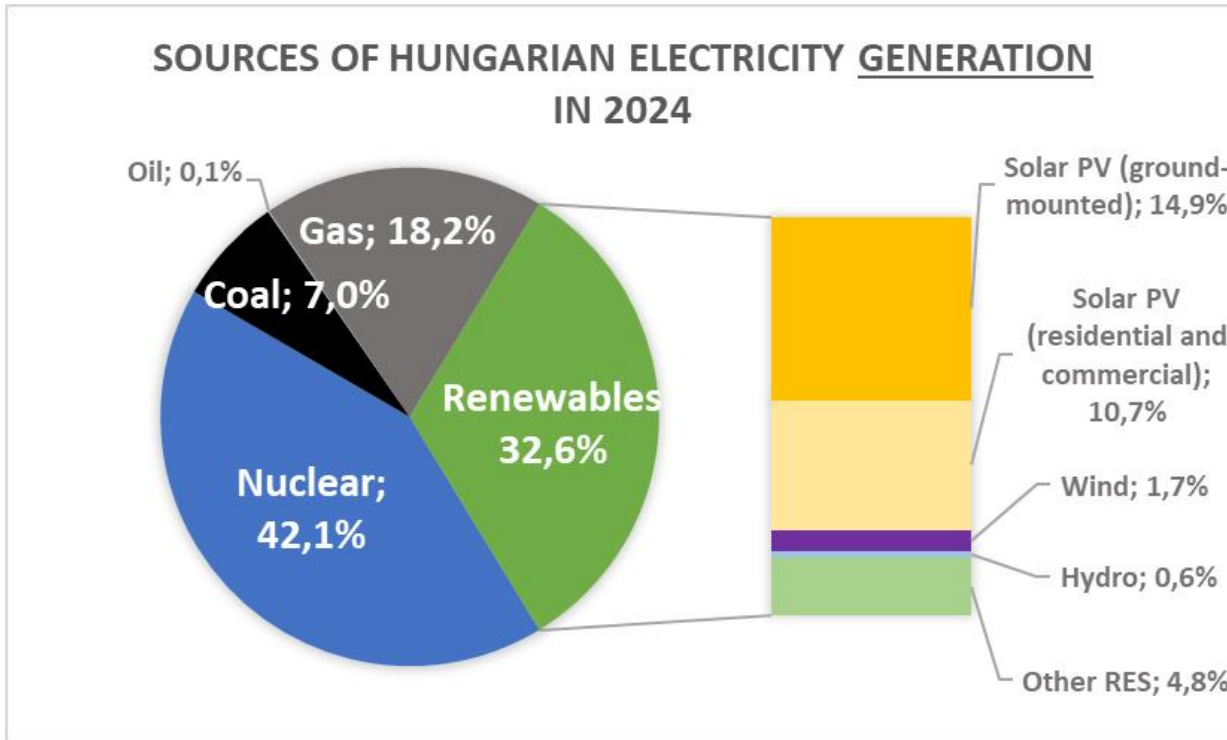
# STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

- ▶ Hungary and the Paks II. project – the basics
- ▶ Licensing status
- ▶ Construction and Erection Base (CEB) works
- ▶ Site preparatory works
  - Pit excavation to -5m
  - Cut-off wall construction
  - Soil improvement
  - Pit excavation to design level
- ▶ Manufacturing of some long-lead items
  - core catcher
  - turbine
  - RPVs



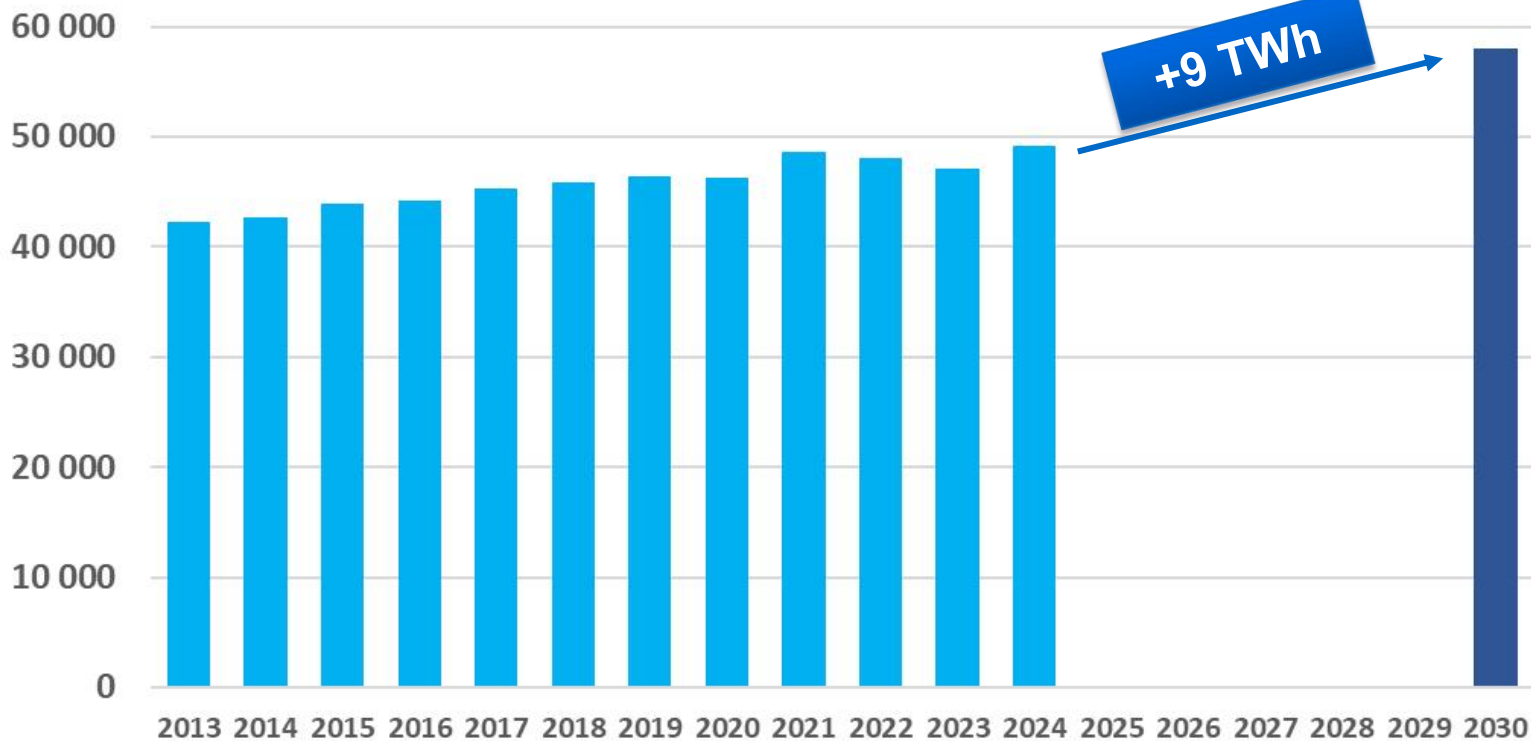
# NUCLEAR PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN HUNGARY

► Electricity consumption in 2024:  $\approx$  49 TWh



# ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION TRENDS IN HUNGARY

Hungarian electricity consumption between 2013-2024 and expectations for 2030 (GWh)



- ▶ Significant increase expected by 2030
  - new EV battery manufacturing plants
  - 100+ new industrial investments annually
- ▶ Longer term expectations, electrification in the
  - mobility sector (EV)
  - space heating sector (heat pumps)
  - industry (machines replacing manpower)

- ▶ New domestic power generators needed

# PAKS II.: CONTRACTUAL FRAMEWORK

- ▶ IGA with Russia (2014): 2 new units of at least 1000 MW each
- ▶ Technology: VVER-1200, 2 units
- ▶ FIGA with Russia (2014): financing of 80% of the project (up to 10 bn €)
- ▶ 3 implementation agreements (2014): EPC, O&M, NFS
- ▶ EPC: turn-key contract
- ▶ EU green lights obtained
- ▶ EU procurement obligations: 55% of EPC value to be offered for tenders publicly available, see: [www.zakupki.rosatom.ru](http://www.zakupki.rosatom.ru)



Name	Price (rub.)	Tendering Authority	Date of publication of the notice / introduction of changes	Date of completion of acceptance of bids / confirmation of the results	Status
<a href="#">231027/1065/341 № 19677/1173 "Supply of leak-tight bottles for the construction of power units № 5, 6 of Paks II NPP"</a>	247 450 216,98 Lots: 1	Joint-stock company "Atomkomplekt"	27.10.2023	Stage 1: 27.11.2023 / 25.12.2023	Published
<a href="#">231020/1065/330 № 21688/113 Paks5.6 "Supply of closed-circuit cooling systems pumps for the construction of power units № 5, 6 of Paks II NPP"</a>	348 687 990,60 Lots: 1	Joint-stock company "Atomkomplekt"	20.10.2023	Stage 1: 20.11.2023 / 18.12.2023	Published
<a href="#">231020/1065/329 Manufacturing and supply of vessel equipment (Lot № 19677/724 Paks-5.6)</a>	136 902 902,40 Lots: 1	Joint-stock company "Atomkomplekt"	20.10.2023	Stage 1: 20.11.2023 / 08.12.2023	Published
<a href="#">231016/0591/589 Provision of services for destructive and non-destructive testing building materials, products and structures during construction Units No. 5 and No. 6 of Paks II NPP</a>	44 491 467,10 Lots: 1	Atomstroyexport, Joint-Stock Company	16.10.2023	Stage 1: changed / changed	Published

# PAKS II.: AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

- ▶ EPC requirements based on EUR, IAEA and WENRA requirements, domestic and international standards
- ▶ Commitment by the Russian Contractor to apply competitive tenders EU-wide, results:
  - Russian primary circuit paired with a Western European turbine-generator set and I&C system
    - **a turbine-generator set from Arabelle Solutions (FR)**
    - **I&C from Siemens**
- ▶ Soil improvement and cut-off wall construction by Bauer (DE)
- ▶ Site preparatory works by Duna Aszfalt (HU)
- ▶ CEB construction by KÉSZ Zrt. (HU)
- ▶ Containment prestressing system by PANNON-FREYSSINET (HU)



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PRESS RELEASE  
10.23.2019

## RASU JSC and Framatome-Siemens consortium sign contract to supply automated process control systems for Hungarian Paks-2 Nuclear Power Plant

MOBODV, Oct. 23, 2019 – Russian Automated Control Systems JSC (RASU JSC), a subsidiary of Rosatom State Corporation, and the Franco-German consortium Framatome-Siemens signed an agreement to manufacture, deliver and commission automated process control systems for the Paks Nuclear Power Plant units 5 and 6, located in central Hungary. This award was based on the results of a competitive call for bids.

The document was signed by CEO of RASU JSC Andrei Butov, Managing Director of Framatome GmbH Christian Hirtlerkamp, Vice President Sales Nuclear I&C of Siemens AG Jens Kling, and Commercial Sales Director Károl Bó of Siemens AG Jens Bostelmann.

According to the signed agreement, the Framatome-Siemens consortium will manufacture and supply the equipment for automated process control systems, as well as conduct its certification and commissioning, including compliance with information security requirements.

Framatome is proud to provide automated process control systems for Paks-2 in conjunction with our partner, Siemens. Both Frédéric Laloux, senior executive vice president in charge of Sales, Regional Business and Digitalization and Control I&C of Siemens, and Christian Hirtlerkamp, Vice President Sales Nuclear I&C of Siemens, have been commissioning systems at nuclear power plants in Russia for many years. With Paks-2, we are delighted to use our expertise in I&C for NPPs reactors in Europe, and add to a long list of successful projects with Rosatom.

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# EU SANCTIONS: A HORIZONTAL EXEMPTION FOR PAKS II.

- ▶ Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (**amended** by Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1744 **of 24 June 2024**)

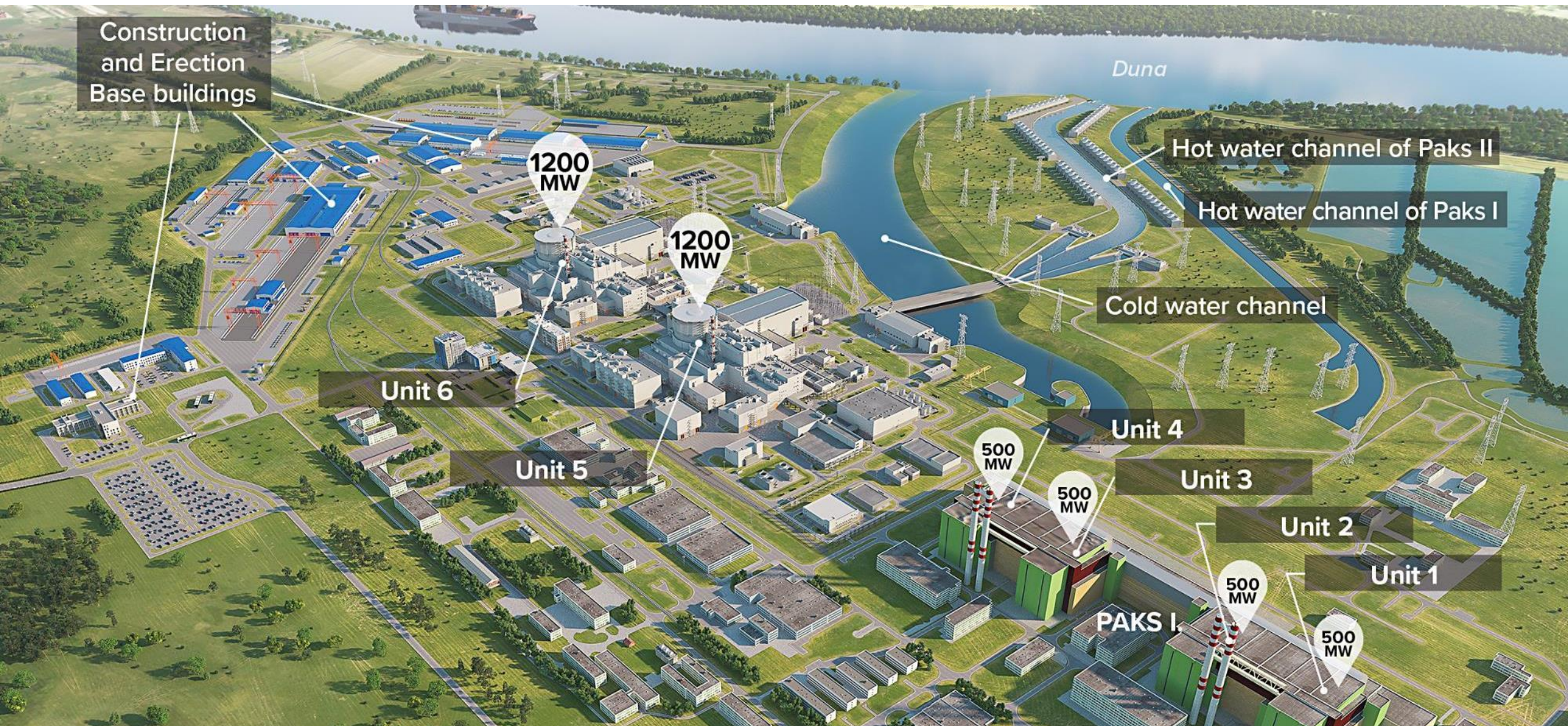
## Article 5c

*„**With regard to the Paks II project, the prohibitions in this Decision shall not apply** to activities necessary for the establishment, operation, maintenance, fuel supply and retreatment and safety of civil nuclear capabilities, and the continuation of design, construction and commissioning required for the completion of civil nuclear facilities, **provided that any such activity has been notified** by natural and legal persons, entities and bodies **within two weeks of its start to the competent authority of the Member State** where they are resident, located, established or incorporated.*

*The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any information received under this Article within 2 weeks of its receipt.”*

**ONLY A NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION APPLIES FOR THE SUPPLIERS OF THE PAKS II. PROJECT, NO APPROVAL NECESSARY**

# THE SITE



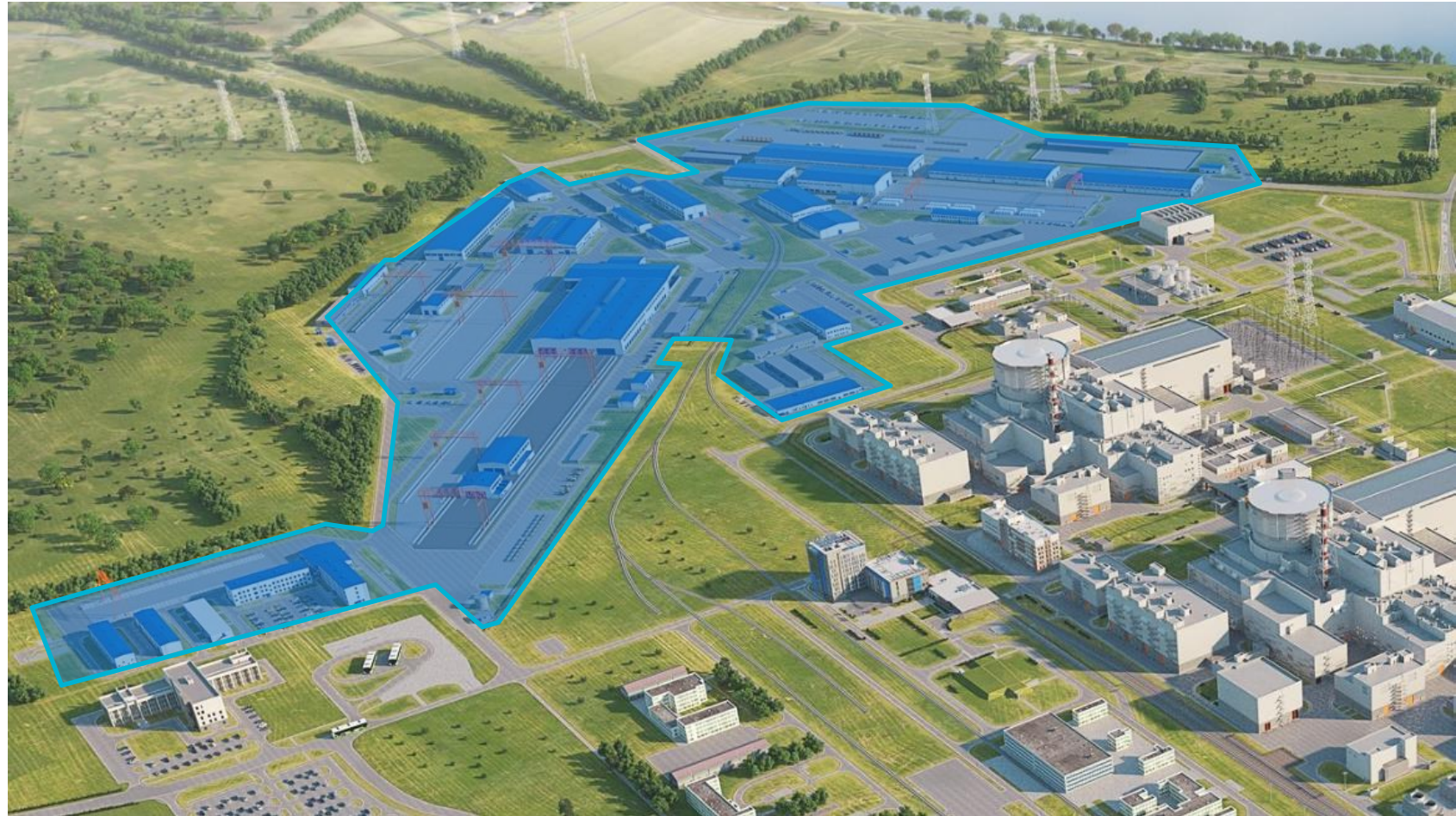
# PAKS II.: DESIGN AND LICENSING STATUS

- ▶ Environmental license (2016)
- ▶ Site license (2017)
- ▶ Electricity grid connection license (2020)
- ▶ Physical protection license (2021)
- ▶ Construction license (2022)
- ▶ First concrete related PSAR – approved by the nuclear regulatory body (November 2024)
- ▶ All together  $\approx$  1000 licenses and permits obtained so far



# CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION BASE (CEB)

- ▶ In 15 functional groups 119 facilities will be built on the CEB.
- ▶ Size of the CEB area: 75 hectares.



# CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION BASE WORKS



Transformer station



Concrete batching facility



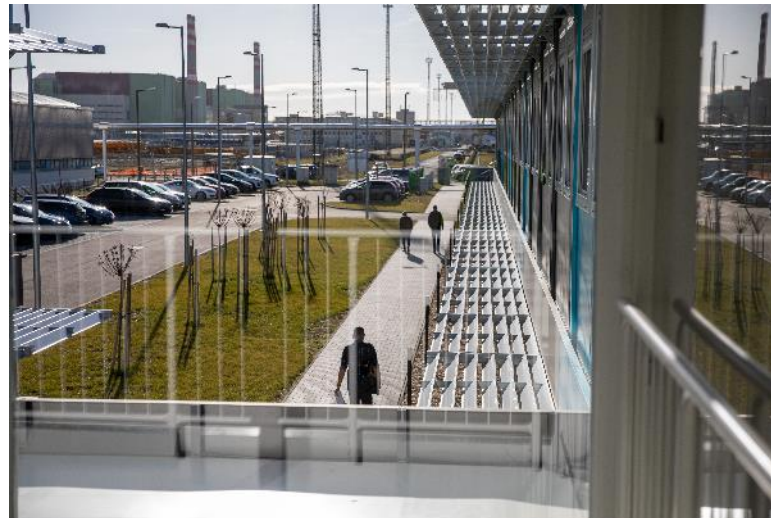
Power plant investment centre



Rebar assembly workshop



Concrete test laboratory



Power plant investment centre



Accommodation

# CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION BASE WORKS



Concrete batching facility

Rebar assembly workshop



# SOIL EXCAVATION WORKS ON THE SITE

- ▶ Pit excavation works to a level of -5 meters under **Unit 5** (started in August 2022) – **COMPLETED** in 2023
  - About 1 million cubic meters of soil removed
- ▶ Excavation works under **Unit 6** (started in September 2023), also initially up to a level of -5 meters – **COMPLETED** in 2023
  - Over 600,000 m<sup>3</sup> of soil excavated.



# SOIL EXCAVATION IMAGES

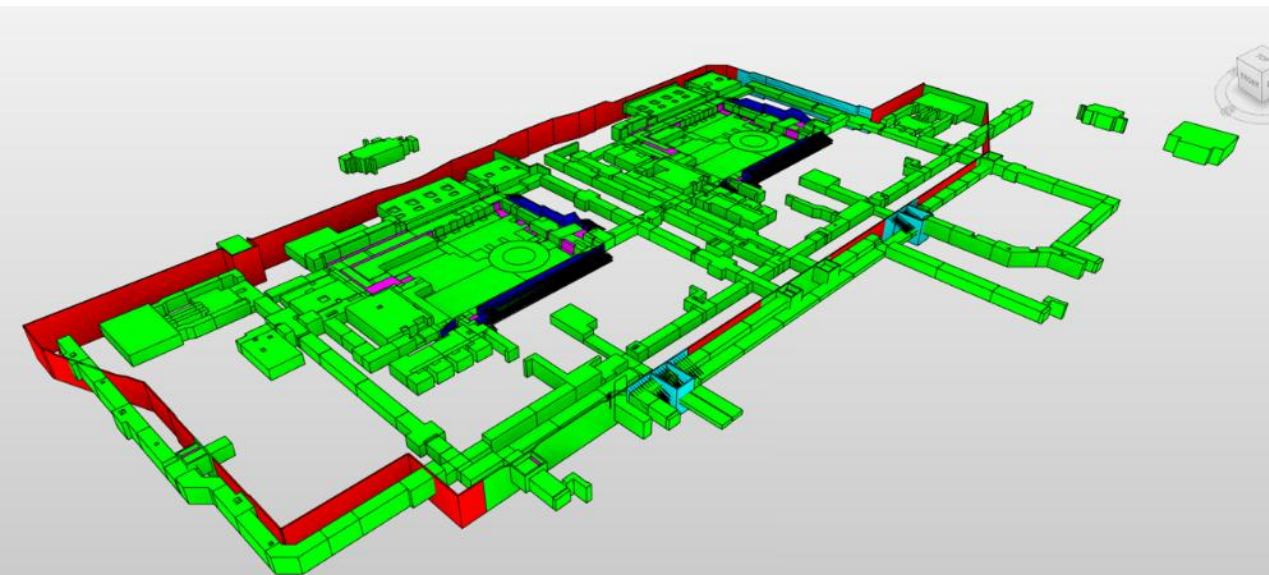
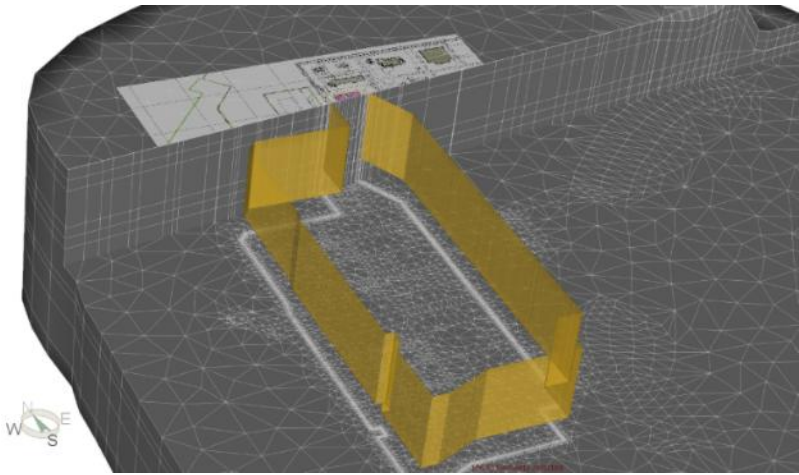


# THE SITE EXCAVATED TO -5M (COMPLETED IN 2023)



# CUT-OFF WALL CONSTRUCTION – COMPLETED

- ▶ The cut-off wall is a 2,7 km long, one-meter-thick water barrier wall that will act as a „curtain” around the new nuclear power plant's units underground. It is up to 32 metres deep.
- ▶ Its function is to ensure that groundwater can only enter the working pit in a controlled and minimal way and to prevent groundwater levels outside the cut-off wall from decreasing, which is a crucial requirement for the currently operating four units of the Paks NPP.



# CUT-OFF WALL CONSTRUCTION – COMPLETED



# SOIL IMPROVEMENT – COMPLETED UNDER THE NUCLEAR ISLAND OF UNIT 5 AND UNIT 6

- ▶ The buildings on the nuclear island will be massive and the soil beneath the site is prone to liquefaction, therefore soil improvement is required in some areas.
- ▶ This will be achieved by using so-called „deep soil mixing” soil improvement technology, which will create compacted and cemented soil bodies consisting of two-meter-diameter soil-cement piles.
- ▶ Individual piles will overlap each other.
- ▶ **Soil improvement works started in November 2023.**



# SOIL IMPROVEMENT WORKS



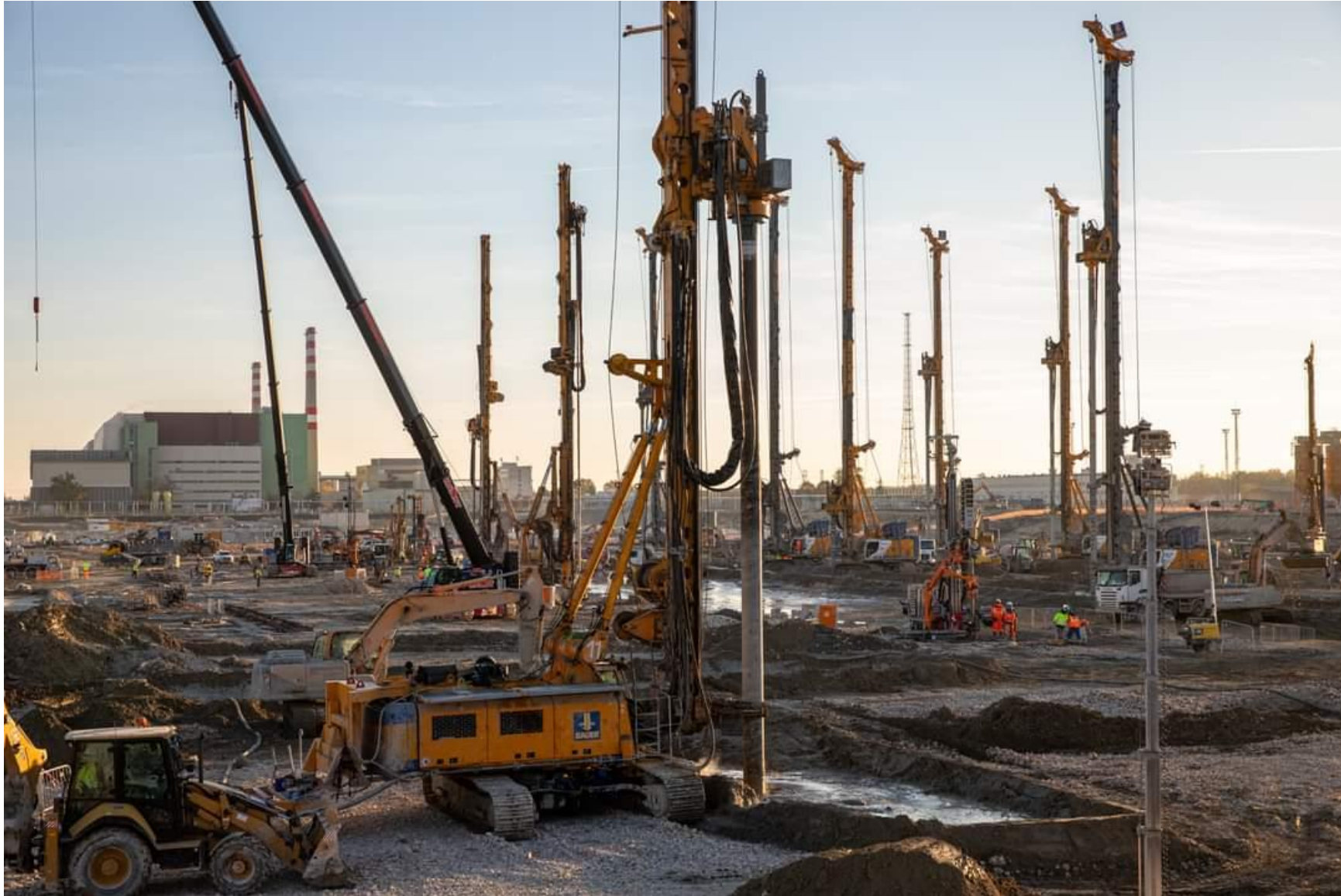
# SOIL IMPROVEMENT TEST RESULTS



# SOIL IMPROVEMENT UNDER UNIT 6



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# PIT EXCAVATION TO DESIGN LEVEL



- ▶ Started on 24 September 2024, completed on 19 March 2025



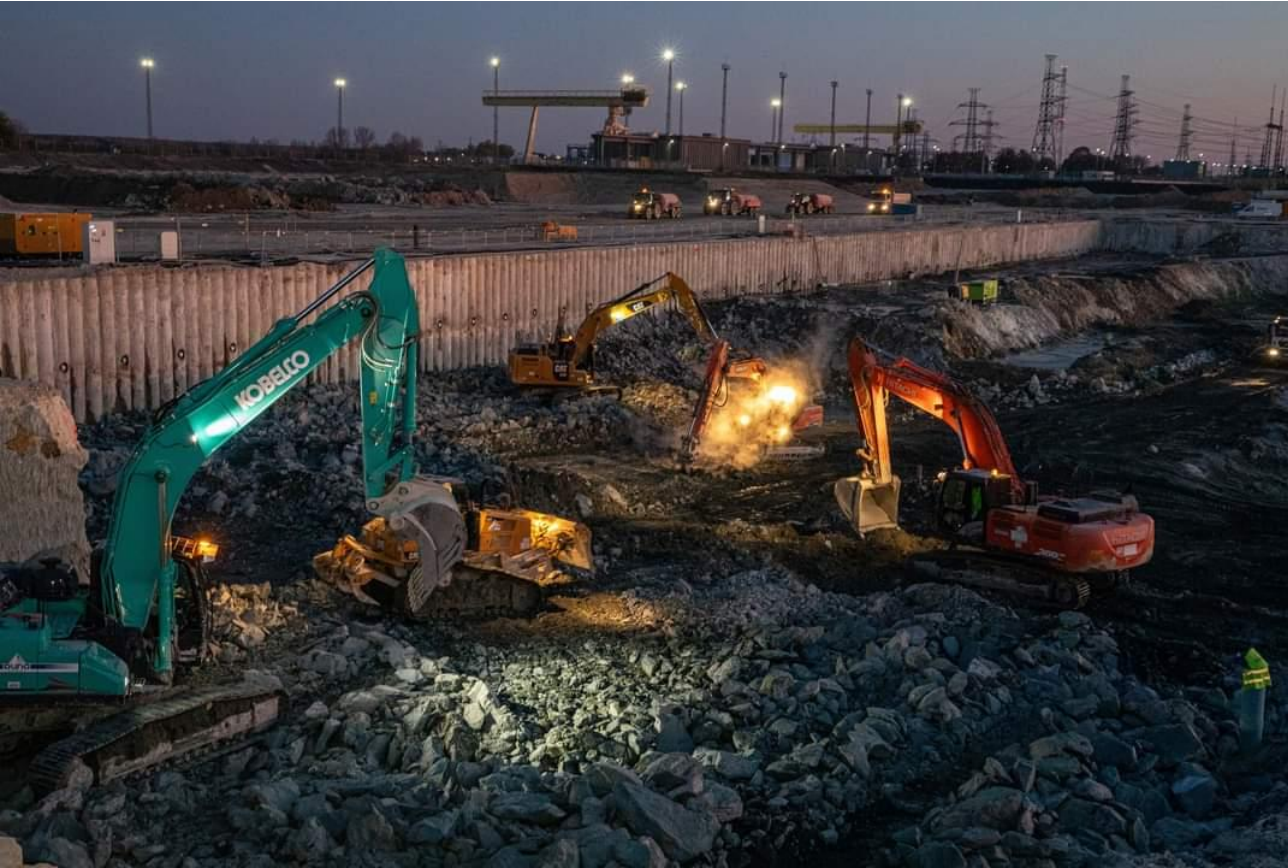
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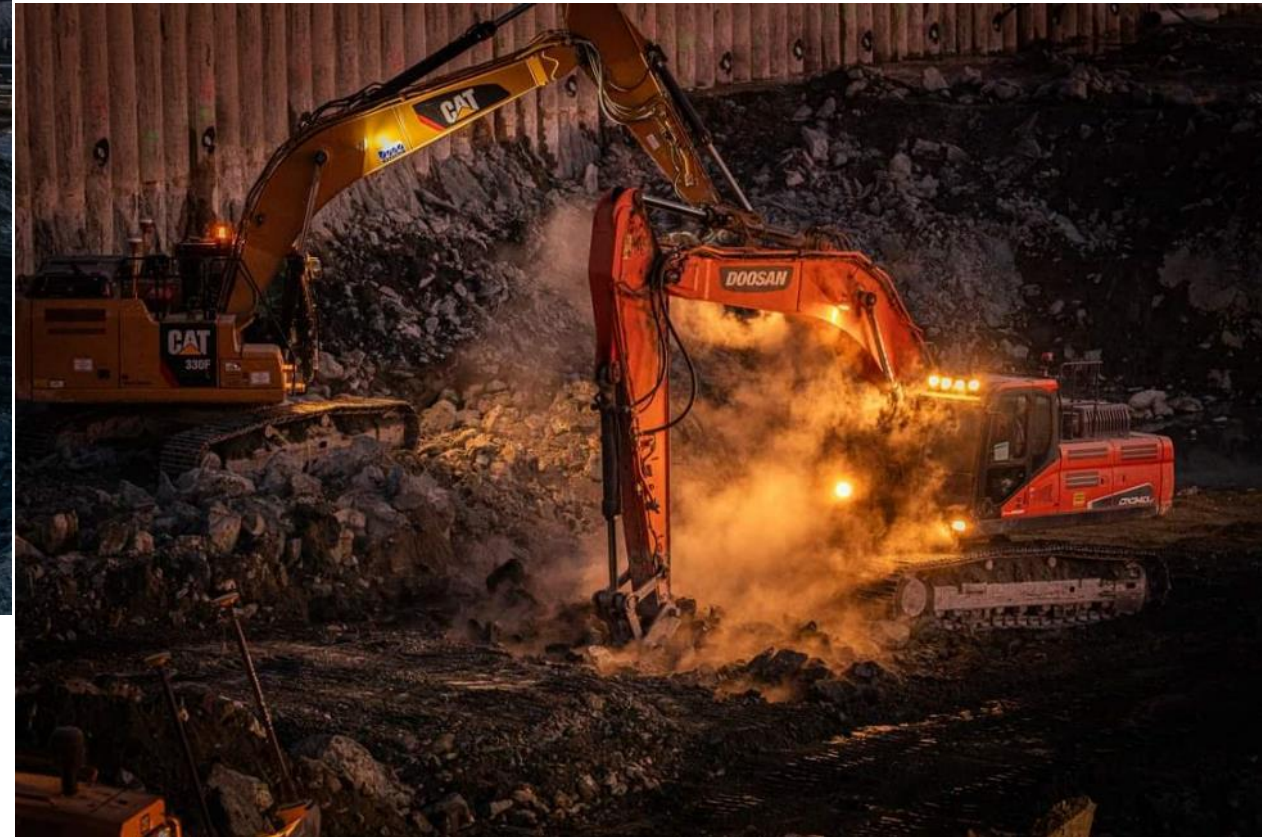
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# DIMENSIONS OF THE PIT OF UNIT 5



150 m

23 m

190 m

# THE PIT TODAY



# RECENT WORKS ON THE SITE

- ▶ The installation of the temporary excavation support mesh in the excavation pit of Unit 5 is completed. The implementation was continuously monitored by both HSE experts of Paks II and the authorities.



# RECENT WORKS ON THE SITE

- ▶ Construction of another site facility has commenced at CEB: groundworks are underway at the pre-assembly workshop of the mechanical and thermal installation complex. Meanwhile, interior works are already in progress at the manufacturing plant for energetics equipment.



# RPV, TURBINE AND CORE CATCHER



- ▶ **RPV:** forging of the reactor pressure vessels of both units is **already underway** in St. Petersburg
- ▶ Manufacturing regularly checked on site by Paks II. and the Hungarian nuclear regulatory body
- ▶ **Turbine:** HP-IP turbine manufacturing started in Belfort, France



- ▶ **Core-catcher:** a special container located under the reactor vessel, capable of containing the corium in the event of damage.
- ▶ **The production of the Unit 5 core-catcher has been completed, delivered to Paks.**
- ▶ Weighs 700 tonnes.

# DELIVERY OF THE CORE CATCHER TO THE SITE



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