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EURATOM AUTHORIZES \$7 MILLION FOR ITALIAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 21 -- The European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) has authorized the appropriation of \$7,000,000 to the SENN nuclear power plant in Italy. The plant, now under construction between Naples and Rome, will have a 150-megawatt power capacity. It falls under the U.S.-Euratom Joint Power Reactor Program.

According to the contract signed yesterday, \$4,000,000 will be allocated to the fabrication of fuel elements, and the remaining \$3,000,000 will be used to cover additional costs necessary during the start-up period of a nuclear power plant, over and above usual expenses incurred by conventional plants in the early stages of operation.

Eduard von Geldern, head of the Directorate General for Industry and Economy, signed the contract on behalf of Euratom, while the Chairman of the firm, Mr. Tommaso Zerbi, signed for SENN (Società Elettronucleare Nazionale).

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 members of other companies. All information developed under this project will be distributed and, when appropriate, published by the Euratom Commission.