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### Visit of Lamoussa Salif Kaboré, Burkinabe Minister for Mines, Quarries and Energy, to Andris Piebalgs

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On 23 April 2013, Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, met Lamoussa Salif Kaboré, Burkinabe Minister for Mines, Quarries and Energy, to sign the financing agreement to support the construction of a solar power plant in that country. The project, announced by the end of 2012, will provide between 22 and 33 megawatt peak (MWp) per year, the equivalent of 6% of the country's current electricity production. This will cover the energy consumption of around 400,000 people. The photovoltaic power plant located in Zagtoui, on the outskirts of Ouagadougou, will be operated by the national electricity company Sonabel. The EU will provide 40% of the funds (€25 million) for the construction of which will be the largest solar plant in sub-Saharan Africa.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Exterior view of the Berlaymont building in Brussels	00:00:10
10:00:15	Arrival of Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, and handshake with Lamoussa Salif Kaboré, Burkinabe Minister for Mines, Quarries and Energy	00:00:15
10:00:30	Signature of a financing agreement between Burkina Faso and EU by Lamoussa Salif Kaboré and Andris Piebalgs (3 shots)	00:00:44
10:01:14	Soundbite by Andris Piebalgs (in FRENCH) saying that he is very pleased with this cooperation because he thinks it is the start of a long term cooperation between Burkina Faso and EIB. It is also an important step in the implementation in the area of sustainable energy everywhere. It is a milestone project and he really hopes that it will succeed in a lot of African countries and of course in Burkina Faso because their needs in terms of energy are huge and financing capacities are limited.	00:00:45
10:02:00	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:02

10:02:03	Soundbite by Lamoussa Salif Kaboré (in FRENCH) saying that on Behalf of the President and Prime Minister of Burkina Faso, on behalf of Burkinabe people and on his behalf he would like to thank Andris Piebalgs for this subsidy that he has just provided to the country. Saying that Commissioner told that energy is the basis of all development; it is true that Burkina Faso is facing hard times and supplies are not enough and they must ensure that before 2015, more than 500 districts gain access to electricity. That is why that in Burkina Faso President's program, the emphasis is on sustainable energy, including the sun and today, the EC allows them to make a significant step.	00:00:32
10:02:35	Andris Piebalgs and Lamoussa Salif Kaboré being interviewed (2 shots)	00:00:08