

LotusGroup USA Inc awarded Construction management contract of coal fired power plant in North Dakota.

Sligo, Ire. May 17th, 2006 - LotusGroup USA Inc today announced that it has been awarded the Construction Management Contract for the Spiritwood Energy coal fired Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant in North Dakota by UniField Engineering.

Engineering for the project is currently underway with construction expected to be well under way in the 3rd Quarter of 2007

Speaking from the Group's offices in Washington State, Steve Ostrowski commented "LotusGroup USA Inc is delighted to once again be working with UniField Engineering on a power/energy related project. UniField is a leader in the design of CHP facilities in the western US and especially for coal fired plants of this type and application. We are extremely pleased that they chose Lotus Group to be their CM. We believe there will be significant future opportunity involving the use of coal as the US looks for solutions to its energy needs. The US Power Market is a key element in our long term expansion strategy and this project continues "The Group's" expansion into this market. Lotus Group is currently engaged in numerous power related projects across the US involving coal, gas and alternative fuels. This is a tribute to the expertise and experience of our staff and we anticipate building on our success in the years ahead"

UniField is a leading engineering firm in the development of energy related projects in the western United States. UniField's Power Group has significant experience in power generation including combined heat and power plants, combustion turbine plants, coal-fired power stations, industrial cogeneration facilities and energy conservation consulting.

LotusGroup USA Inc is a privately owned international engineering, construction and training provider offering support to a range of industries in the USA. Construction Management & Start-up services is an expertise while the Group also provide services which include design and drawing review, construction QA/QC, site management, and commissioning support.

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