

Tambak Lorok power plant now running

The Tambak Lorok combined-cycle power plant (PLTGU) in Semarang, Central Java, is now producing electricity after starting to receive gas from a nearby block.

The head of the fuel and gas division at state-owned electricity firm PT PLN, Suryadi Mardjoeki, said on Tuesday that the PLTGU had begun producing electricity from gas on Monday.

“It generated power during peak demand for five hours [on Monday], from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., after it received 10 mmscf [million standard cubic feet per day] of gas from [state oil and gas firm] Pertamina,” he said.

The power plant receives its gas supply from the Gundih block, which is operated by PT Pertamina EP, a subsidiary of Pertamina.

Gas deliveries were initially planned to begin last year, but were delayed because of unfinished work to restart the power plant, which was shut down in 2011 after a dozen years in operation.

PLN shut down the 1,000-megawatt plant for financial reasons as it was run on used diesel, which was considered expensive.