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**A world first:
A cement plant directly supplied by a wind farm**

Today, Friday 13 August 2004, Compagnie du Vent and Lafarge Maroc (Morocco) signed a contract for the construction of a wind farm to supply the new Tétouan cement plant with electricity.

Construction of the wind farm will begin in the autumn of 2004, and electricity generation will start in 2005.

The 12-turbine, 10.2MW facility will have annual production capacity of 38 million kilowatt hours and will provide nearly half of the new cement plant's electricity requirements. It will avoid the production of 30,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

The project will be Morocco's first private wind farm. It also represents a world first, creating the first cement plant to be directly linked to a wind farm.

This agreement forms part of Lafarge's sustainable development policy, which aims to cut the cost and level of energy consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Given the high cost of energy in Morocco, Lafarge Maroc has made the search for alternative sources of energy a key plank of its policy in this area.

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