



## ENGIE's refurbishment of First Hydro's Ffestiniog power station proceeds apace



ENGIE, the leading energy and service company, has confirmed that the first phases of its refurbishment work at Ffestiniog Power Station, part of the 2GW First Hydro pumped storage operation in Wales, have been completed.

The £50m refurbishment programme involves replacement of two 90MW generating units (Units 1 & 2), extending their operational life for at least a further 20 years. Initial works have involved a complex series of procedures to prepare for the installation of new generating units.

By June 2019 both original units had been disassembled, providing the first access to the lower bearings and turbine, revealing substantial corrosion and confirming ENGIE's decision to refurbish.

In addition, one of the two 200m deep vertical hydraulic shafts is being refurbished, a new 2.7km power supply to the upper reservoir has been installed and safety systems have been upgraded.



