



Belpower (Reibel group) starts building work on its power plant at Salice Salentino (Puglia), Italy

- **The single authorisation for construction, issued by the Region of Puglia on 30 July 2009, was published in the Official Gazette No. 128 of 20 August 2009.**
- **The work will last about a year; this means that the plant will become operational in October 2010.**
- **The plan is to expand the plant's capacity to 14.9 MW.**

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BELPOWER (energy arm of the REIBEL group) has received notice of the single authorisation, officially granted by the Region of Puglia (Italy) on 30 July, to build and operate a power plant generating photovoltaic solar energy with a capacity of 10.50 MW on the site it owns in the commune of Salice Salentino. The authorisation also covers all associated infrastructure required for such a plant. This authorisation, which had been awaited for a long time, opens the way for commencing construction. Work is likely to last one year. In this case, the site could become operational around October next year. The second stage of the project has already been planned, increasing the plant's capacity to 14.9 MW.

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