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Patrick BELLET, new Operations Director

It is a new page of the Nachtigal Project that opens with the assumption of duties on October 1 of Patrick BELLET, new Operations Director.

Patrick BELLET has nearly 30 years of experience in the Hydraulic Department of EDF, during which he held many positions in hydropower production activities in France and internationally. He was notably responsible for hydraulic power plants for many years.

He first began his career in technical positions in various hydraulic operations in France in the Alps, including Super Bissorte 750 MW and Grand'Maison 1750 MW.

He then took on management positions and was notably responsible for the Franco-Italian hydraulic development of Mont Cenis (570 MW).

In 2006, he moved to Laos for four years as Maintenance Manager within the operations department of NTPC (Nam Theun 2 Power Company - 1070 MW). He participates in the commissioning of the development, the establishment of the operations team and the first years of operation.



In 2010, he returned to France and became Head of the Control-Test-Measurement Department within the General Technical Department, one of the engineering units of the EDF Hydraulic Department. Leading a team of experts in Protection and Command Control, he was in charge of analyzing and solving complex problems in hydraulic power plants in France and internationally.

In 2015, he became national coordinator in the Industrial IT, Control Command and Telecom of the EDF Hydraulic Department.

Since 2017, he was appointed O&M expert and works at the international level on assistance and expertise

missions in the field of hydraulic operations. He has thus intervened in Zambia, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Gabon. It is also in this context that he contributed to the development of the O&M (operations and maintenance) strategy and the training plan for future operators.

His knowledge of the Project and his experience in the commissioning of hydraulic facilities will be all assets for the Operations Management that he is tasked with constituting.

An engineer by training, Patrick is a graduate of PolyTech Lille (France) and the University of DOUA-Lyon (France), he has a Masters in Production, a Bachelor of Industrial Computing and a DUT in Automation.

Patrick BELLET is a father of 4 children.

"I am happy to join NHPC and to help meet this great challenge of taking a new hydraulic system into operation. This technical and human challenge is all the more exciting as the women and men of the Operations Department will have the honor of being entrusted with the responsibility of the operation and maintenance of a major infrastructure for the cameroonian electricity system. "