

Praj Industries bags Rs 65 crore contract

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Praj Industries has bagged the second phase contract for the wheat and beet based bio-ethanol plant for Biowanze SA, a subsidiary of CropEnergies AG (a Sudzucker Group Company), through De Smet SA Engineers & Contractors, EPC contractor engaged by Biowanze for the project. The contract value is close to Rs 65 crores (Euro 11.502 million). The second phase involves the supply of equipment for the core bio-ethanol process plant comprising liquefaction, fermentation, multi-pressure distillation, dehydration and vinasse evaporation.

The Euro 5.4 billion Sudzucker Group has 44 sugar factories spread across Europe

and is the largest sugar producer in Europe. CropEnergies AG is the major producer of bio-ethanol in Europe.

"Praj has already made headway in the European ethanol industry with orders from British Sugar and Suedzucker group in Western Europe as well as from companies in Eastern Europe for technology and critical equipment. We see a lot of potential, particularly in light of the recent endorsement of the Biofuels Policy by the European Council," Anil Deshpande, director, European operations said. In the first phase, the contract included licence, basic engineering and other services for their proposed 300,000 cubic metres Bio-ethanol Complex at Wanze in Belgium. The first phase of the order value was euro two million (Rs 11 crore).