

Bioenergy Point, part of businessman Zoran Drakulić's Point Group Int, started the construction of a cogeneration facility in Boljevac which will run on waste from the company's local wood pellet production plant, Večernje novosti newspaper said. Drakulić had announced the EUR 2 million investment in May last year.

The electricity would be used for the factory's own needs, said Nebojša Marjanović, municipality head, adding that there is a possibility to build a district heating system for the entire town, and use the surplus hot water. The small combined heat and power plant's project should be implemented in 18 months, he said. „Before Bioenergy Point, there were talks with Italian company Tersa about constructing a thermal power plant which would use biomass. They bought the land, and were granted a location permit. When time came for a construction permit, and they were supposed to define all the project's dimensions, they asked Municipality of Boljevac to guarantee the necessary commodity, in order for them to provide a loan using the guarantee,” Marjanović told Večernje novosti. He added the municipality wasn't able to do it, because it didn't own the forests, so the company backed out.

Marjanović said potential investors bought 100 hectares of land around the town and set wind energy metering devices to see if it would be possible to build a wind park.

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