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Company lands Nigeria deal

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A YORKSHIRE fire safety firm has won a £65,000 contract to work at a power station in Nigeria.

Rotherham-based Assured Fire and Security will provide fire suppression systems for a power station operated by Tower Power Utilities.

The gas-fired plant is outside the south-western city of Ota, which is a major industrial area.

Assured will also supply

extinguishers, fire safety training for staff at the site and improve fire safety measures at Tower Power Utilities' gas filling stations in the region.

Simon Stokes, managing director of Assured, said: "In Nigeria people even run their cars on gas – they pull up onto the forecourt in just the same way we do at a petrol station and fill their cars with gas.

"Obviously there is a potential hazard here and we have

to make sure those forecourts are safe from fire."

Tower Group is one of the largest industrial businesses in Nigeria and has a strong presence in the country's aluminium and steel industries.

The Ota gas power station generates electric power for two firms in the Tower group, Aluminium Rolling Mills and Kolorkote, as well as exporting power to neighbouring factories.

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