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SABAH will soon host Malaysia's first geothermal power plant in Tawau, and it will place the country in the 16th spot globally in geothermal energy generation.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili said the power plant developed by Tawau Green Energy Sdn Bhd at Apas Kiri, Tawau, is scheduled for commercial operation by June 2018.

He also said the plant is set

to export 30MW of electricity to Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd's grid under the Feed-in Tariff scheme.

"After an extensive research, followed by geology, geophysics and geochemistry analysis and modelling by US-based company GeothermX Inc and New Zealand engineering company Jacobs, the existence of an active geothermal system centred around the flanks of Mount Maria on Apas Kiri was confirmed. — *Bernama*"