

Siemens wants to sell China nuclear power plant safety technology

The Greens will move into the backwoods through restriction on trade.

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Siemens wants to sell China several hundred million euros of nuclear power plant safety technology for 20 plants the government plans to order next year, Stern magazine reported in an unsourced pre-release of

A Siemens spokesman declined to comment on the report. The ruling German Social Democrat/Green Party coalition may block the sale in any case, the magazine wrote. The Greens categorically oppose the export of any nuclear technology.

Siemens chief executive Heinrich von Pierer is trying to win political support for the sale. He has lobbied Antje Vollmer, the parliamentary vice president, arguing that Siemens technology is fundamentally superior to that of the Russians, who would otherwise win the order, the magazine wrote. Siemens also wants to sell its offline Hanau plutonium enrichment plant to China. However, the German government put the sale on hold this summer.