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In the one year since a similar survey was taken [1], there has been a growth of about 16 percent in the installed electricity generating capacity from geothermal power stations around the world. Had it not been for the rapid growth in the Philippines, the rate of increase would be even more modest. The Philippines has doubled its geothermal capacity, going from 224 MW to 446 MW in one year. The United States remains the leading country with about 37 percent of the total worldwide geothermal capacity. Viable programs exist in Italy, New Zealand, Mexico, Japan, and El Salvador, in spite of the zero growth in these countries since last year. New plants are under construction in Mexico and Japan, and field development is proceeding at a new site in El Salvador. The number of other countries getting started in geothermal electricity generation continues to grow, as can be seen in the accompanying table. Some of these countries are the subject of a companion paper in these Proceedings by the author.


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