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PRESENT STATUS

Bidding Process:

- THL issued the Contract Documents of Package 1-Headworks to the successful bidder on 05 August 2018 with a proposal to conclude the Contract agreement within the fourth week of August. However, the selected bidder could not submit the Performance Security within the deadline specified in the Letter of Acceptance in view of the ongoing summer holidays in Italy and requested for the extension till first week of September. After concurrence from the ADB, THL extended the deadline for submission of Performance Security till 03 September, 2018
- THL issued the Contract Documents of Package 2- Waterway, Powerhouse and Related Equipment to the successful bidder on 05 August 2018 with a proposal to conclude the Contract agreement within the fourth week of August. The selected bidder submitted the Performance Security on 20 August 2018 and THL informed the bidder that the Contract Agreement will be concluded after receipt of the Performance Security from the successful bidder of Package 1.
- The pre-bid meeting with the interested bidders of Package 3-Transmission Line was conducted on 02 August 2018 and clarifications were issued for queries raised by the bidders. As per the request from the bidders, the deadline for submission was extended till 11 September 2018 after concurrence from the ADB.

Safeguard activities:

Consultation Meeting with Local Level Government

The Consultation Meeting with Local Level Government was held in the presence of

- Chairperson of District Coordination Committee(DCC);
- Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of Myagde Rural Municipality;
- Representatives from Rising Rural Municipality;
- Mayor of Bhimad Municipality;
- Representative from Forest Office;
- Chief of District Technical Office;
- ESMU Team of THL.

The meeting, coordinated by District Coordination Committee, Tanahu focussed on IEE Report prepared by the Bhimad Municipality, Rising and Myagde Rural Municipalities for excavation of quarries at the reservoir area of the project.



Price Determination of Betini Area

Land Acquisition of Betini

Land acquisition process of Beteni area for labour camp facilities and access road to dam site has reached the final stage. The Sub-committee formed by Compensation Distribution Committee (CDC) has completed the Detail Measurement survey (DMS) in consultation with these APs and submitted the report to the CDC. Subsequently, CDC is in consultation with the APs and local leaders of political parties for determination of compensation rate.

Community Water Supply Project

The pipe laying and installation works from water mains to the collection tank of Jhaputar Water Supply has been completed. Likewise, two collection tanks each of size 20,000 litres have been constructed. Pipe laying works are also being carried out for distributing water to the individual households.

Forest Management Plan

The draft forest management plan has been prepared by the Bridging Consultant-Environment with the supports from the Environmental Expert of PSC. The management plan, which includes integrated approach and methodology, implementation arrangements and schedule for forest clearance, nursery development, and afforestation program, will be finalized after review from the ADB.

Updated Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan (RIPP)

ADB has issued the comments on the draft updated RIPP as of April 2018. The Social Safeguard Expert of PSC along with social safeguard team reviewed the comments and revised the updated RIPP accordingly. The finalized updated RIPP, 2018 has been sent to ADB for disclosure.

Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP)

Promptly after the pre-proposal meeting, clarifications and corresponding Addenda has been issued to the five shortlisted consultants. The proposal submission deadline has been extended till 19 August 2018. Out of five shortlisted firms, three firms submitted their proposal by the submission deadline. The evaluations of the proposals are being carried out by the consultant selection committee.

Grievance Registration and Readdress

The project site office and LCFs have been registering grievances raised by affected as well as local people. The registered grievances so far focus mainly on following issues:

Summary of Grievance Registration

S.N.	Type of Grievance	Number	Remarks
1.	Missing of tree counting /Compensation of trees planting in public land near their registered land/Crop	30	3 grievances have been addressed, whereas 7 grievances are being processed.
2.	Missing of item in property valuation/ Land remaining less than 1 ropani	20	13 grievances have been closed, whereas evaluation of 7 grievances is underway.
3.	Low valuation of structure	13	9 grievances have been addressed and remaining grievances are on further discussion.
4.	Construction	12	9 complaints have been resolved whereas 3 is remaining
5.	Insurance	1	The process will be initiated shortly.
6.	Request to THL to provide Identity Card to all Affected Families	1	256 numbers of Identity cards have been distributed to Affected Families and process is going on.
7.	Electricity	6	4 grievances have been addressed and remaining grievances are on discussion
8.	Compensation	4	3 grievances have been addressed.
9.	Others and Livelihood supports	5	Consultations are underway.
Total		92	

The LCFs in coordination with the project site office are working continuously for addressing the registered grievances.

Project Preparatory Works

Access Roads

Access Road from Chapaghat to Dam Site Area (3,234)

The construction of access road from Chapaghat (0+000) to the entry of the Dam Site (1+900) has been completed. Track opening in the remaining section of the road towards the dam site will be initiated soon after the acquisition of some plots of private land along this alignment. It is expected that the land acquisition process will be concluded by the end of September 2018 and soon after the construction work of this section of access road will resume.

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse (3314m)

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse has been completed and taking over certificate has been issued with the Defects Liability Period till 01 May 2019.

Camp Facilities

All together 33 nos. of buildings (2 nos. of office buildings for employer and consultants, 2 nos. of residential building of type A, 12 nos. of residential building of type B, 10 nos. of residential building of type C, 2 Dormitories, 1 Guest house, 1 health post, 2 restaurants and 1 guard house) are to be constructed for camp facilities. Brickworks, plastering, painting and other finishing works are being continued. THL site office has been shifted to its permanent office inside the camp area from its rented office in Damauli. The entire construction work including landscape is scheduled to complete by the second week of October 2018.



Construction Camp Facilities

As of August 2018, about 89% physical works and 70% of financial progress have been achieved in construction of camp facilities.

Construction Power Sub-Station

The construction of power substation nearby the camp site was completed in January 2018 and is in operation in normal condition.

Lower Seti Hydropower Project

The evaluation of Expression of Interest (EOI) applications has been completed by the evaluation committee of THL. Meanwhile, the committee has started preparing Request for Proposal (RFP) documents including detailed Terms of Reference (ToR). It is expected that the required documents under submission 1 will be submitted to the ADB by the end of August 2018.

Licenses

- THL has received construction license of 220 kV DS Transmission Line from Damauli to New Bharatpur Sub-station.
- THL will submit the application for the Survey License of Generation to DoED for 1.9 MW environmental flows generation plant shortly.
- THL has received the survey license of generation of Lower Seti (Tanahu) Hydropower Project with the installed capacity to 10 4MW.

FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION:

PROCUREMENT ACTION

Engagement of ESMS: Contract agreement with ESMS will be signed by end of December 2018.

Award of Contracts for Main Packages: Contract Agreements with both Package-1 and Package-2 will be signed by the end of September, 2018 upon receipt of performance security from the successful bidder of package 1.

SAFEGUARD ACTION

Update of RIPP: The Updated RIPP, 2018 will be disclosed by the ADB in September, 2018 after their final review.

Compensation Distribution: About 93% of total affected families have already received the compensation payments and the remaining compensation payment of reservoir area is on-going. Meanwhile, a newly formed Collective Rights Protection Committee to Directly Drown Affected People has filed a case against the land acquisition to the Accountability Mechanism. THL has provided the responses to the complaints of those complainants to the ADB and the fact finding mission from the ADB Accountability Mechanism has been scheduled by the end of September, 2018.

The compensation distribution for Betini area will be initiated soon after determination of the compensation rate by the CDC.

Community Consultation: Community consultation is planned for once in every two month at each LCF. Booklet and Leaflet of the project, which include salient features, FAQ and information on present status and safeguard activities of the project, are being distributed to all stakeholders. Local media are also being mobilized to disseminate project related information.

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