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PRESENT STATUS

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

The Fifth Annual General Meeting of Tanahu Hydropower Limited was held on 4 January 2018 at the Corporate Office of Tanahu Hydropower Limited under the chairmanship of Mr. Kulman Ghising (Managing Director of Nepal Electricity Authority). The followings are the main topic of discussion and decision of the AGM;

- An Annual Report of the fiscal year 2073/074 has been approved.
- The Audited Report of the fiscal year 2073/074 has been approved.
- The authority has been granted to the Board of Director of THL to appoint the Auditor for the fiscal year 2074/075.



Annual General Meeting at THL

Bidding Process:

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has issued no objection letter to the Technical Bids Evaluation Report (TBER) of Package 1- Headworks prepared by the Bid Evaluation committee of the THL/PSC on 22 December 2017. THL is preparing to present the same for the final approval by the THL Board and thereafter the Price Bids of the Substantially Responsive Bidders will be opened in the presence of the representatives from the Bidder.
- Price Bids of the Substantially Responsive Bidders of Package-2 were opened on 04 December 2017 in the presence of representative from the Bidders and the JICA. The Bid Evaluation committee/PSC jointly evaluated the price bids and sent PBER to the JICA for concurrence. JICA issued concurrence letter to the PBER on 15 January 2018.
- THL is still waiting from the ADB for their concurrence on the Bidding Documents along with cost estimates of Package 3- Transmission Line. Upon receiving no objection from the ADB, the notice for Invitation for Bids (IFB) will be published for the Package 3.

Safeguard activities:

Environmental Safeguard:

The Semiannual Environmental Monitoring Report from July to December 2017 and Updated EMP have been prepared by THL.

Fish Biodiversity:

Monthly Sampling of Fish and measurement of biotic and abiotic parameters of Seti River at 9 stations were accomplished. Data on Socio-economic status of fisher's household of downstream of the powerhouse site was gathered (at Belbas, Sangye and Buduwafaat). Three different potential sites for proposed fish hatchery were identified in the adjacent area of the proposed reservoir.



Interview of Fish Specialist with fishers



Fish hatchery site at Belbas, Tanahu

Community Meeting

ADB Social Safeguards Mission (13-17 November 2017) visited the project sites and conducted the interactions with the project affected families as well as the project officials. The Aide Memoire of the Mission has been finalized with necessary future actions to be taken regarding social safeguard and environmental monitoring issues.

Meeting of Local Consultative Forum (LCF)

As per provisions of Resettlement and Indigenous People Plan (RIPP)-2012, Local Consultative Forums (LCFs) have been established at project affected Rural Municipalities and Municipalities. The meetings of all LCFs are being conducted as per the approved working procedures. The LCFs also facilitated the nomination of the trainees for skill development trainings, which are being conducted in the Tanahu Technical School, Bhimad.

Operation of Public Information Center (PIC)

The Public Information Center (PIC) has been established at Rising Rural Municipality. The PIC also facilitated the skill development training being conducted by Tanahu Technical School, Bhimad.

Bridging Consultant

The Bridging Consultants comprising of Environmental, Fisheries and Social Safeguard Specialists have been engaged in the site to undertake all required preparatory measures as mentioned in Environment Management Plan (EMP) and to monitor pre-construction works as required until the Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP) is mobilized. During the reporting period baseline monitoring, compliance monitoring has been progressed on water quality sampling, forest and wildlife survey, downstream sensitivities survey.

Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP)

A notice for Expression of Interest (EOI) was published in national the newspaper "The Rising Nepal" as well as on website of ADB (<http://cms.adb.org>) for the recruitment of ESMSP. Evaluation of EOI Application is being carried out by the committees.

Census Survey

The field surveys with questionnaires are being continued at the project affected areas. The surveys will identify the available work forces for the major construction works within the affected area, training need for severely affected family, ethnic/indigenous group, landless people, vulnerable group and economic status of affected households. A total of 445(3-NA) questionnaire forms have been filled so far. The data tabulations of surveyed questionnaires have been completed.

Skill Development Training

The first phase of the skill development training has been conducted since 15 November 2017 by the Tanahu Technical School, Bhimad. A total sixty trainees from the project affected areas are participating in the training in the different fields as shown in the Table 1 below:

Table 1: Skill Development Program

Types of Training	Number of Participations	Training Time
Building Electrician	20/20	Morning/Day
Junior Plumbing	20	Morning

The Bridging Consultant (Environmental Monitoring Specialist) provided safeguard orientation to skill development trainees. THL has been also regularly monitoring the trainings.

Grievance Registration and Readdress

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

Table 1. Summary of Grievance Registration

S.N.	Type of Grievance	Number
1.	Missing of tree counting	15
2.	Missing of item in property valuation	4
3.	Land remaining less than 1 ropani	6
4.	Low valuation of structure	4
5.	Compensation of trees planting in public land near their registered land	6
6.	Request to THL to provide Identity Card to all Affected Families	1
Total		36

The LCFs in coordination with the project site office will make the best efforts to address these grievances at the earliest.

Project Preparatory Works:

Access Roads:

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

The construction of access road from Chapagaht to the entry of the Dam Site has been completed with Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST). 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.

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse (3314m)

The construction of the access road from the RCC Bridge to the powerhouse has been completed with Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST). Contractor is to submit as-built draining along with the final progress report.



Access road towards Power House

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 and plastering are being continued.

As of January 2017, about 70% physical works and 60% of financial progress have been achieved in construction of camp facilities. It is expected that the Contractor will complete one office building and two other residential buildings by the end of March 2018.



Construction Camp Facility

Construction Power Sub-Station

Construction of power substation nearby the camp site has been completed.

Power Purchase Agreement

THL has engaged a local legal firm to review the draft PPA and translate it into English. NEA and THL have been discussing on the draft PPA.

Rock Mechanical Test and Core Drilling

After completion of all the scheduled Slotter Tests in all boreholes inside the test adit, PSC is analyzing the test results. It is expected that the draft report on the Rock Mechanical Test will be submitted by the PSC by the first week of February 2018.

Upgrading of Generation License from 127MW to 140MW

After approval of SEIA report of Tanahu Hydropower Project by the Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE) on 6 November 2017, THL submitted the application to DoED for the upgrading of generation license to 140MW with the required documents and the license fees. Ministry of Energy (MoEn) has approved the upgrading of generation license to 140 MW on 28 December 2017.

SIEE for Proposed New Route Alignment of Damauli-New Bharatpur Transmission Line

After approval of the SIEE report of Damauli-Bharatpur 220kV Transmission Line by the Ministry of Energy on 13 October 2017, THL has submitted the application to the DoED for construction license of the TL on 21 December 2017.

Forest Clearance Plan

After approval of the Forest Clearance by the Council of Ministry, an agreement for forest clearance plan has been signed between THL and the Department of Forest.

Licenses

- THL applied for the construction license of 220 kV Damauli-Bharatpur transmission line on 21 December 2017.
 - THL has prepared a brief project report for 1.9 MW environmental flows generation plant and application will be submitted to DoED for the survey license of generation shortly.
 - THL has received the survey license of generation of Lower Seti (Tanahu) Hydropower Project with the installed capacity to 104MW. After joint site visit of THL and JICA Data Collection Team, the JICA Data Collection Team is preparing the preliminary report of the project, on basis of which, the further study will be conducted.
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FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION:

TECHNICAL ACTION

Expression of Interest for ESMSP: After the completion of evaluation of the EoIs for ESMSP, THL will issue Request for Proposals (RFP) to the shortlisted consulting firms by the end of February 2018.

Award of Contracts for Main Packages: TBER of Package-1 along with the ADB's no objection letter will be presented to the THL Board and upon approval of the same, the Price Bids of the substantially responsive bidders will be opened. As the concurrence to the PBER of Package-2 from the JICA has been received, the Price Bid Evaluation Report will be submitted to the THL Board for the final approval. Pre-award meetings with the Lowest Evaluated Substantially Responsive Bidder for Package-2 will be initiated afterward.

Power Purchase Agreement: It is expected to conclude the PPA with NEA by the end of March 2018.

SAFEGUARD ACTION

Update of RIPP: THL has been working on updating of RIPP with the support of PSC.

Compensation Distribution: About 85% of total affected families have already received the compensation payments for land within the reservoir area. So far, about NRs. 580 Million has been distributed to the affected HHs. The compensation distribution activities will be continued as well as further land acquisition /lease for access road and site establishment at Betini area will be initiated in February 2018.

Community Consultation: Community consultation is planned for once in a month at each LCF.

Census Survey: The household survey of all affected household within reservoir area will be completed by February 2018.

Preparation of Booklet and Leaflet: A leaflet of THL has been finalized and will be distributed to all stakeholders after printing. The texts of the leaflet mainly focus on introduction and salient features of the Project, FAQ part, progress status till date on pre-construction as well on safeguard works.

Local Media Mobilization for Information Dissemination: As scheduled, local media, both print and electronic, especially FM radios of Tanahu District are being mobilized to disseminate project related information

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