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PRESENT STATUS

Bidding Process:

- After approval of the Price Negotiation Report for the Package 1 by the ADB and THL Board, Pre-award discussion with the Lowest Evaluated Bidder is initiated in order to sort out the remaining technical issues.
- In addition, THL has been conducting the joint meeting with the preferred bidders of both packages in the presence of the PSC in order to conclude the interface agreement.
- THL will issue the notice for Invitation of Bid for Package 3- Transmission Line by the first week of July after approval of the cost estimation and the bidding documents by the THL Board.

Power Purchase Agreement

The Power Purchase Agreement between NEA and THL concluded on 29 June 2018. The PPA was signed by the Managing Director of NEA and Managing Director of THL on behalf of NEA and THL respectively. This was the first PPA for storage type projects in Nepal.



Exchanging the documents of signed PPA between NEA MD and THL MD

Safeguard activities:

Land Acquisition of Betini

THL has initiated the preliminary process to acquire land of Betini required for labor camp facilities and access road to the dam site. Preliminary notice for the acquisition of land plots along the road alignment and Betini Area has been published. The Compensation Determination Committee (CDC) chaired by Chief District Officer of Tanahu has formed a sub-committee of eleven members for the purpose of recommendation of land rate, value of trees and structures. The sub-committee has been conducting meetings and working on Detail Measurement survey (DMS) with the consultation of APs of Betini area.

Community Water Supply Project

After conclusion of an agreement with Water Supply and Sanitation Consumer Committee on 26 February 2018 for the construction of Jhaputar Water Supply Scheme, the user's group has completed pipe laying works from intake to the water collection chambers. The water collection tank of size 20,000 litres has been constructed so far. Pipe laying works are being carried out for distributing water to the individual households. About 300 affected families will be directly benefited with portable water supply from the scheme.

Forest Management Plan

THL has been preparing Forest Conservation Plan with the support of Bridging Consultant- Environmental Specialist. The plan shall include integrated approach and methodology, implementation arrangements and

schedule for forest clearance, nursery development, afforestation program etc. A regular consultation is being held with the District Forest Officer Tanahu for finalization of the draft agreement for forest clearance.

Fish Biodiversity

THL has been preparing Fish Management Plan with the support of Bridging Consultant- Fishery Specialist. The management plan shall ensure an access of the migratory fish species to the area upstream of the dam and also an access to spawning and rearing area on the Madi River upstream from the Seti Madi confluence as compensation measures for the foreseeable future. The Implementation of the conservation plan shall also reduce the fish mortality by preventing fish passages through the penstock.

During the month, nine different sampling stations were surveyed for aquatic life in Seti and Madi River in the project area. Nineteen fish species were collected with the help of local fishers using caste and gill nets. Each specimen was identified up to the species level. Total length, standard length, girth, head length and weight were measured for each specimen and recorded. Each specimen was photographed.

Most of the fish species collected during the field survey have economic value as food, medicinal, recreational and aesthetic purposes.



Sampling of Plankton in Seti River

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)

As per the provision of Project Administration Manual (PAM), THL will be implementing the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) program for project affected people. As decided during a meeting with the ADB GESI Team on 21 April 2018, the training program of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion will be conducted at Rising in the month of July.

Updated Resettlement and Indigenous Peoples Plan (RIPP)

ADB has issued the comments on the draft updated RIPP as of April 2018. The Social Safeguard Team of THL and PSC team reviewed the comments and revised the updated RIPP accordingly. An interim updated RIPP was submitted to ADB in order to facilitate disbursement of the first instalment of compensation costs in the Reservoir Area.

Skill Development Training

Tanahu technical school (a training wing of the Council for Technical, Educational and Vocational Training - CTEVT) has submitted the training proposal of Beauticians, Tailoring. The training shall focus affected women, permanently displaced people, disadvantage group, indigenous people and vulnerable group.

Meeting of Local Consultative Forum (LCF)

As per provisions of Draft Resettlement and Indigenous People Plan (RIPP)-2012, Local Consultative Forums (LCFs) have been established at project affected Rural Municipalities and Municipalities. The meetings of LCFs are regularly being held for discussion on issues of compensation payments and use of land.

Operation of Public Information Centre (PIC)

The project has established two public information centres (PIC's) - one is in Damauli, Vyas Municipality and the other is in Rising Patan, Bhimad Municipality. Meetings are conducted regularly about once every two months.

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, the Bridging Consultants are also being engaged in preparation of the Fish management Plan and Forest Management Plan.

Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP)

ADB has given the no objection for the EOI Evaluation Report along with the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for engagement of ESMSP on 7 May 2018. The Request for Proposal has been issued to the short-listed applicants on 21 June 2018.

Grievance Registration and Readdress

The project site office and newly established 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	29	2 nos. of registration are completed and 27 nos. of registration are going on
2.	Missing of item in property valuation/ Land remaining less than 1 ropani	20	13 nos. of registration are closed after completion and evaluation of 7 nos. are going on
4.	Low valuation of structure	13	9 nos. of registration are readdressed and remaining are on discussion
5.	Insurance	1	The process will be started soon
7.	Request to THL to provide Identity Card to all Affected Families	1	256 numbers of Identity card has been distributes to Affected Families and remaining are going on
Total		54	

The LCFs in coordination with the project site office are working continuously for addressing the registered grievances. THL has started distributing the identity cards to the project affected families.

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. 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 the alignment.

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse (3314m)

The access road from RCC bridge to Powerhouse has been completed.

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 being constructed for

camp facilities. After completion of major structural works, plastering and other finishing works are being continued.



Construction of Camp Facilities

As of June 2018, about 80% physical works and 65% of financial progress have been achieved in construction of camp facilities. It is expected that the Contractor will complete two office building and two other residential buildings by the end of July 2018.

Construction Power Sub-Station

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

Lower Seti Hydropower Project

ADB has agreed to provide the grant assistance of about 3.5 Million USD for the detailed engineering design and bidding documents preparation of Lower Seti Hydropower Project under Project Preparatory Facility for Energy (Grant 0361-NEP).

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>) on 11 April 2018 for the Detailed Engineering Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents. Nineteen applicants have submitted their EoIs by the deadline for the submission of EoI applications (25 May 2018). The evaluation of EoI has been initiated.

As per the separate contract agreement made with the Engineering Services of NEA, the survey team of NEA has been carrying out the detail topographical surveys in the project area.

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 104MW.

FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION:

PROCUREMENT ACTION

Engagement of ESMSP: The deadline for submission of the technical and financial proposal from the shortlisted consultants is set as 05 August 2018.

Award of Contracts for Main Packages: It is expected that Letter of Acceptance will be issued to both preferred bidders by the end of July 2018 after concluding Memorandum of Understandings.

SAFEGUARD ACTION

Update of RIPP: The draft updated RIPP has been submitted to the ADB for their review.

Compensation Distribution: About 95% of total affected families have already received the compensation payments including vulnerable allowance, Livelihood support and Income Generation Assistances for land within the reservoir, camp and access road area. So far, about NRs. 1,110 Million has been distributed to the affected HHs.

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

Preparation of Booklet and Leaflet: Leaflets of THL are being distributed to all stakeholders. 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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