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PRESENT STATUS

Bidding Process:

- After submission of the stated Performance Security (PS), THL has signed the contract agreement with the selected bidder M/S Cooperativa Muratori and Cementisti CMC di Ravenna, Italy for Package 1- Headworks, on 01 October 2018.
- The successful bidder of Package-2 M/S Sinohydro Corporation Limited, China and THL signed the contract Agreement for Package-2 (Waterway, Powerhouse and Related Equipments) on 01 October 2018. The Funding agency JICA granted the concurrence for Contract Agreement on 11 October 2018.
- The Evaluation Committee for Bid Evaluation of Package-3- 220 kV Transmission Line of the Project has prepared the draft evaluation report, which was sent to the ADB on 15 October 2018 for their initial review and comments. THL also issued the 'Request for Clarification' to concerned bidders with a provision of additional two weeks time and the bidders submitted their responses within the stipulated time. Similarly, the Bid Evaluation Committee' is finalizing the Technical Bid Evaluation Report (TBER), based on comments received from ADB and clarifications received from the bidders in response to the 'Request for Clarification'.



Contract Agreement of Package-1



Contract Agreement of Package-2

New Appointment Announcement (ESMU)

Mr. Surya Man Shakya has joined the THP team as a unit chief/environment specialist of the Environment and Social Management Unit (ESMU) from 28 October, 2018. Mr. Shakya has worked in environment sector with increasing responsibility and authority both with Nepal Government and non-government organizations. Mr. Shakya's academic degrees are both in civil Engineering from the Patna University, India (1978) and M. Sc. in Environmental Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA (1984). He is well experienced in environmental management having involved in many successful hydropower projects in Nepal. Additionally, Mr. Shakya was also involved with Pokhara and Kathmandu Universities in teaching environment related subject.

Safeguard activities:

ADB Fact-Finding Mission (30 September – 5 October 2018)

A Fact Finding Mission from Asian Development Bank (ADB) held meeting with THP senior officials on 01 October 2018. The background and objectives of the Mission were discussed. The meeting also discussed about the grievances put forward by Collective Rights Protection Committee. It was agreed to address the grievances with logical inputs from both THL and the Committee. The ADB mission shared the course of actions to be followed in order to address the issues and THP will carry out follow-up actions accordingly.



ADB Fact-Finding Mission with THL

Land Acquisition of Betini

The compensation disbursement for land acquisition in Betini area has been initiated from 01 October 2018. The APs have started to receive the compensation of the land, structures, and trees. As of end of October 2018, about NRs. 2,50,00,000 has been disbursed to the affected HHs. The Compensation Determination Committee (CDC) determined the compensation rate of the land which ranges from 2,40,000 to Rs. 20,00,000 per Ropani depending upon types of land.



Compensation Distribution at Betini Area

Community Water Supply Project

The community water supply project to supply drinking water to the project affected area, Jhyaputar has been completed.

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. After incorporating comments from the ADB, the final draft of the updated RIPP was submitted to the ADB on 19 September 2018. It is expected that the Updated RIPP will be disclosed by the ADB shortly.

Environment and Social Management Service Provider (ESMSP)

The Evaluation Committee has been evaluating the technical proposals of the shortlisted applicants and it is expected the technical evaluation report will be prepared by the end November, 2018.

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	13 grievances have been addressed, whereas 17 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 being discussed.
4.	Construction	12	9 complaints have been resolved whereas 3 are 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 the process will continue.
7.	Electricity	6	4 grievances have been addressed and remaining grievances being discussed.
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 Chapagaht (0+000) to the entry of the Dam Site (1+900) has been completed. The Compensation Determination Committee has finalized the compensation rates of the land in the remaining section of the roads towards the Betini area and has started paying compensation to the land owners. After the payment of compensation, track opening and construction work in the remaining section of the road towards the dam site will be initiated.

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse (3,314m)

Access Road from RCC Bridge to Powerhouse has been completed.

Camp Facilities

All together 33 nos. of buildings are being constructed for camp facilities and are listed below:

- 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;



THL Construction Camp Facilities

- 10 nos. of residential building of type C;
- 2 Dormitories;
- 1 Guest house;
- 1 health post;
- 2 restaurants and
- 1 guard house.

It has been scheduled that the entire construction work including landscaping was planned to be completed by end of November 2018. As of September 2018, 95% of physical work and 80% of financial progress have been achieved in the construction of the camp facilities.

Lower Seti Hydropower Project

Shortly after the approval of EOI evaluation report by the THL Board, THL has issued Request for Proposals to the six shortlisted consulting firms on 12 October 2018. The deadline of submission of proposal is 25 November 2018. The pre-proposal meeting is scheduled on 03 November, 2018.

FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION: PROCUREMENT ACTION

Contractor Mobilization: THL is preparing to provide access to and possession of the site to the contractors. Shortly, after the site possession, the Engineer will make arrangements for the contractors to commence the works by the end of November 2018. It is expected that the contractors will be mobilized to the site by the end of December 2018.

Engagement of ESMSP: Contract agreement with ESMSP will be signed by end of January 2019.

Award of Contracts for other Packages: Contract Agreements with Package-3 will be signed by the end of December 2018.

SAFEGUARD ACTION

Update of RIPP: The Updated RIPP - 2018 will be disclosed by the ADB in November 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.

Community Consultation: Community consultation is planned for once in every two month at each LCF. Project information in the form of Booklet and Leaflet which includes 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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