

BPC REGISTERS 231 MILLION NET PROFIT BEFORE TAX IN THE FIRST HALF

With a total revenue of NRs. 301 million against NRs. 256.7 million last year, for the first six months ending Poush, BPC has recorded a net profit before tax of NRs. 231 million.

GENERATION FIGURES PLUNGE AS RIVER DISCHARGE DECLINES

Energy generations from Jhimruk and Andhi Khola Plants slip targets because of low river discharge resulting from unfavorable climatic conditions. The discharge in the Jhimruk River and Andhi Khola River dropped well below expected level since Falgun following one of the driest winter seasons. The Jhimruk plant has recorded a PLF of 62 for Magh 2065/66 as compared to 74 last year. If the drought continues, generation figures are expected to remain below the annual targets.

CUSTOMER BASE CROSSES 30,000 THROUGH REEP

Through the Rural Electrification Expansion Program (REEP), 1,287 consumers have been added to the network during this fiscal year taking the number of connected customers to over 30,000. In addition, seventeen Users' Organizations (UO) were set-up in EDC Darimchour to facilitate distribution expansion and operation-maintenance. For catering reliable supply to large customer base in Waling Area and to upgrade the existing 1 kV network to 11 kV, a 33/11 kV – 3 MVA substation at Mirdi (Waling) is under construction.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

A number of trainings were conducted for capacity building of the Users' Organization in the BPC distribution areas and for enterprise development in the project areas.

- Training on "Capacity Building of Servicemen for Distribution System Operation and Maintenance" for Servicemen of UOs (Darimchour)
- Training on "Micro Enterprise Creation" for prospective entrepreneurs of Galyang area
- Training on "Feed Formulation" for entrepreneurs of Galyang area
- Training on "Operation and Maintenance of Mills" for entrepreneurs of Galyang area

BPC ENGINEERING BUSINESS BAGS CONTRACT FOR MARSYANGDI – III STUDY

The Engineering Business group signed a contract with Keton Hydropower Company for the feasibility study and EIA of 34 MW- Marsyangdi III Hydroelectric Project. The project is a Run- of – the River project, located downstream of Middle Marsyangdi Project and intends to use the tailrace water of Middle Marsyangdi. The studies are being conducted on fast track to meet the tight deadlines put in by the client.

FISH POPULATION MONITORING IN TAMAKOSHI

The Engineering Business Group is monitoring the fish population in Tamakoshi River under an agreement with SWECO Kroner. SWECO is conducting the EIA Study for Tamakoshi 2 and 3 projects.

BPC COMPLETES THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF MADI KHOLA PROJECT

The feasibility study of the Madi Khola Hydropower Project, funded by NORAD, has been successfully completed by BPCH. The EIA of the project has also been completed and the EIA report has been approved by the Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology.

FEASIBILITY STUDY OF BHIM KHOLA PROJECT COMPLETED

The feasibility study of Bhim Khola Small Hydropower Project located in Baglung district has been concluded. The 9 MW Bhim Khola is Run-of-River type project.

LOCALS TO BENEFIT FROM ANDHI KHOLA UPGRADING PROJECT

With the implementation of Andhi Khola Upgrading Project not only INPS will benefit with addition of 4.3 MW capacity but 474 hectares of land in Syangja and Palpa districts will get water for irrigation. The license for the upgrading project is expected soon.

KHUDI REVIVES BACK TO OPERATION

The 4-MW Khudi Hydroelectric Project came back in operation on 28th January, 2009. The project (KHP) was badly hit by a huge flood causing halt in its operation. About a 100 m stretch of penstock pipe got damaged and many support piers were washed out. Powerhouse got flooded submerging electromechanical units. The flood level was way above the 100 year flood level. The flood not only damaged the project components but caused severe damages and landslides in the surrounding areas.

With persevering efforts of BPC engineers, the Operation Team, BPC Services Limited, Himal Hydro and Nepal Hydro and Electric, the plant was successfully brought back to operation after about four and half months.

BPC PRE-QUALIFIES FOR MELAMCHI AND CHAMELIYA PROJECTS

BPC in association with the Lahmeyer International GmbH and Total Management System has pre-qualified in the Melamchi Valley Sub Project I for the consulting service for 'Project Management Consultancy. BPC has also pre-qualified for 'the Construction Management and Construction Supervision for Electromechanical and Hydromechanical Works' of Chameliya Hydroelectric Project in association with the K-Water, for the consultancy services. The techno-commercial proposals for both projects are under evaluation.

EXPLORING OTHER RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

The government of Nepal has declared "National Electricity Crisis Resolution Working Plan 2065" and has encouraged captive power generation. The additional energy will be fed to the INPS to marginally reduce the energy crisis.

The Simara-Birgunj corridor in the southern part of Nepal has potential for Renewable Biomass based generation which BPC intends to harness and help the industries to tide over the energy crisis. Gasification is a process of partial combustion in which solid carbon fuels are converted into carbon monoxide by thermo chemical process. The gassifier plant primarily comprises of a reactor, where the gas is generated and is followed by a cooling and cleaning train which cools and cleans the gas. The clean combustible gas, also called as producer gas, is primarily used for high grade heat in burners, power generation through reciprocating engines or to the gas turbines.

BPC TO CONDUCT EIA AND SIA OF KABELI DAMAK TRANSMISSION LINE

BPC has been short listed for the EIA and SIA of Kabeli Damak Transmission Line project in association with SchMES.

Recently BPC has applied for the prequalification invited by DoED for five different projects.

JV OF BPC, HIMAL HYDRO BIDS FOR SIPRIN PROJECT

Joint Venture of BPC and Himal Hydro and General Construction Company have participated in the tendering process for the EPC contract of civil works of Siprin Hydropower Project.

ENGINEERING DESIGN GUIDELINE

The Engineering team of BPC has developed an engineering design guideline with an objective to consolidate its long enduring experience in the engineering and design of hydropower and infrastructure projects. The design guideline is good and handy reference for the young developing engineers in the field of hydropower engineering.

KHUDI PROJECT GETS ACCOLADES AT THE 40TH CANADIAN CONSULTING ENGINEERING AWARDS

The association of Canadian Engineering Companies (ACEC) has awarded the 40th Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards in the International Category to BPR Energy, partner in Khudi Hydropower Project for extraordinary contribution in upliftment of the life of remote communities together with project engineering and development of Khudi Hydropower Project.

BPC ACQUIRES HYDROCONSULT PVT. LTD

BPC has acquired 80% ownership of Hydro Consult Pvt. Ltd after signing a share purchase agreement. The balance 20% is retained by PEEDA who were the previous

owners of Hydro Consult Pvt. Ltd. The engineering and consulting business will be streamlined through the newly acquired company.

EVEREST POWER INC, CANADA JOINS NYADI HYDROPOWER

BPC, Lamjung Electricity Development Company (LEDCO), Everest Power Inc, Canada and Nyadi Hydropower Power Ltd signed a shareholding agreement on 28th Nov, 2008 for the development of 20 MW Nyadi Hydropower Project located in Lamjung district.

With this agreement into effect, BPC holds a majority share of 53.22% in the project and Everest Power Inc, Canada holds 29%.

ISO RECERTIFICATION

Det Norske Veritas (DNV) has recertified BPC with ISO 9001:2000 and 14001:2004 for a period of 3 years.

The surveillance audit was conducted in February and the audit revealed a significant improvement in documentation.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

As a part of Human Resource & Leadership Development, three senior employees have been offered EMBA Program at Kathmandu University School of Management and at Management Association of Nepal.

In line with the HRD drive, an international volunteer, expert in power plant operation and maintenance, from Swiss Development Co-operation (SDC), Switzerland was invited to share his expertise and knowledge on various technical subjects and O&M of power plants. The on the job training for six weeks (Jan 5 – Feb 8, 2008), three weeks each site offices (Jhimruk and Andhikhola), was focused at skill development of the operation and maintenance staff.

WORK AND PLAY GO TOGETHER

BPC Head Office gathered together for a picnic at Godavari, Lalitpur on 17th Falgun, 2065. All together 220 persons including BPC Staff and their family members participated in the picnic. The BPC family had a day together away from a normal day full of outdoor activities and games.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The 16th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders was successfully held on 20th Poush 2065 BS. A total of 111 (14.24%) shareholders were present at which marked 87.72% (7,360,498) representation of the total shares. All the major shareholders including representative of IKN, Norway participated in the meeting.