

APPENDIX I: SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROJECT AND STATUS

Location: The 1000 MW coal-based thermal power project will be located either at Choudwar in Cuttack District or at Bajrakot in Angul District in Orissa. The project is to be developed in two phase with the phase I (2x250 MW) is proposed to be commissioned by March 2011, while the phase II (2x 250 MW) is proposed to be commissioned by March 2012. The detailed project report is under preparation and would be finalised upon the finalisation of location.

Fuel: Domestic coal shall be the primary fuel for the project. The project is expected to require approximately 6.2million tonnes of coal per annum. The coal is to be procured through Coal linkage till such time that a Coal block is allotted and all necessary approvals and clearances have been obtained and coal production has commenced from the mine to meet the entire demand of the power plant.

EPC Contract: This is at initial stages of discussion. It is proposed that an international competitive bidding process shall be undertaken for selection of contractors for this project.

Evacuation of Power: The power from the project will be evacuated at 400 kV level to Meeramandali sub-station of GRIDCO and at 400 kV level outgoing feeder lines to Rengali sub-station of PGCIL.

Availability of Water: Total water requirement for the project has been estimated 46 Cusecs. The source of water has been identified as River Mahanadi, located 10km from the site, in case the location of the project is finalised at Choudwar. Alternatively, for Bajrakot location, River Brahmani is the source.

Status of Project Approvals

The Power Project has received the following statutory and non-statutory clearances for setting up of the Project:

Sl.No	Clearance	Competent Authority	Status
1	State Government Clearance	Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation Limited / Department of Energy	Cleared. MOU signed on 26 September 2006. Copy attached as Appendix VI
2	Publication of Notice		To be taken up
3	Land Availability from State Revenue Authorities	Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited	To be acquired after finalisation of location of the project among the two alternatives. VPL has already started coordinating with the District Collector for obtaining the land schedule
4	Environmental Clearance From State Pollution Control Board	Orissa Pollution Control Board (OPCB)	VPL will engage requisite agency to undertake the EIA of the project upon finalisation of its location. The application will be subsequently filed with OPCB for its clearance.

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5	Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI	Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India	To be taken up after clearance from OPCB.
6	Forest Clearance from State Forest Dept.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Bhubaneswar	To be taken up after clearance from OPCB
7	Stack Height Clearance from National Airport Authority	National Airport Authority, New Delhi	Application to be submitted.
8	Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan from State Revenue Dept.	District Collector	Land to be acquired based on finalized location of the project. R&R plans to be finalized accordingly with the District Collector
9	Transport Clearance for movement of Coal by Rail	East Coast Railways, Bhubaneswar	Yet to be tied-up based on finalized location of the project
10	Clearance on 'No Defense Installation'		Application to be submitted.
11	Mega Power Project Status	Ministry of Power	Application to be submitted.