

Hindustan Power commissions phase 1 (1200 MW) of its 2520 MW Anuppur thermal power plant

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- The Project is strategically located near the Coal Mines of SECL/CIL
- Directly connected to National Grid/ ISTS
- The Anuppur project is the among the very few projects in the country that is operating at more than 85% of availability from the very first year of operation
- Better the industry bench mark of synchronization to commissioning to three weeks from three months
- The phase 1 commissioned at a cost of INR 8,000 crore, is now a 'Mega' project with the commissioning of 1200 MW
- Second phase (1320 MW) of its 2520 MW Anuppur thermal project to be completed within 4 years at an invest of INR 9000 crores

New Delhi, 14 April 2016: India's leading integrated power player, Hindustan Power, announced successful commissioning of its Phase 1 (1,200 MW) of its flagship 2,520 MW Anuppur thermal power project in Madhya Pradesh. The project, commissioned on 30th March 2016 at a cost of Rs 8,000 crores, is one of the first thermal plants in the country that is operating at 100% availability for last 5 months of the financial year 2015-16. The project has direct connectivity to the National Grid to enhance reliability, economy and minimize system losses and is situated very close to coal source making very attractive to all stakeholders.

While commissioning the Unit 2 (600 MW) of Phase 1, the company achieved the milestone of synchronization and coal firing in a single day and in the process the project is now a 'Mega' project. The company had already entered into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for 35% and 361 MW, respectively. Coal for the project is secured through a Fuel Supply Agreement with South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. The total capacity of the flagship thermal plant is 2520 MW to be developed in two phases of 1,200 MW (2 x 600 MW) and 1,320 MW (2 x 660 MW).

Commenting on the commissioning, Ratul Puri, Chairman, Hindustan Power, said: "India is going through a phase where a lot is being done by the Union Government of India to address the peak power deficit by way of upward revising the Renewable energy target and taking action to address the stress in the sector. In this scenario, commissioning of 1200 MW thermal asset is a big boost to address the base load requirement in the country and the Government's vision to provide power to all by 2019. As the bulk of infrastructure needs of phase 2 (2 X 660 MW) of the project has been secured, the same should be constructed out within next four years at an investment of INR 9000 crores."

Raghav Trivedi, President Thermal – Operations, Hindustan Power, said, "Considering the focus on efficiency and achieving maximum results in the minimum time, the engineering and construction team innovated to ensure synchronization and coal firing process was achieved was achieved in a day. The commissioning with all the systems in place for the commercial operations was achieved on 30th March within two weeks of the first synchronisation against three months of industry norm. We acknowledge the passion with which both the central government and State government along with local bureaucracy supported the project towards its commissioning."

About Hindustan Power

Hindustan Power with a vision of commissioning 6000 MW of power by 2020 in thermal, solar and hydro is a leading player in the energy sector from India. The Company is in advanced stage of commissioning its combined power assets at an estimated investment of INR 36000 crores (~ USD 6 bn). India is the fourth largest consumer of energy in the world after USA, China and Russia but it is not replete with abundant energy resources. It must, therefore, meet its development needs by using all available resources. This understanding helped the Company to focus on renewable energy in short-mid-term, and conventional energy for mid-long term. Secured supply chains, diversified customer base and focus on right technology for the geography is ensuring a risk mitigated growth.

Hindustan Power has consistently been focusing on giving maximum returns to its stakeholders through corporate growth and social responsibility. The company is head quartered in New Delhi and has power generation assets in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh etc and in countries like Germany, Italy, US, UK and Japan.

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